Piston & Ring Measurement Lab

Vehicle Make:	Model:
Engine#:	
ID#:	-
Name:	-



NATEF TASKS: I.C.3- Inspect and measure cylinder walls/sleeves for damage, wear, and ridges; determine necessary action. **I.C.9**- Inspect and measure piston skirts and ringlands; determine necessary action. **I.C. 12**- Inspect, measure, and install piston rings.

Piston Measurements



1. Measure the diameter of each piston directly across the piston skirt. Measure the piston skirt where you see the most amount of wear. (You only have to put measurements for the number of

cylinders you have in your engine) Record your measurements in the chart.

2. Inspect the piston skirt for wear or damage- record your findings in the chart



	Piston #1	Piston #2	Piston #3	Piston #4	Piston #5	Piston #6
Diameter						
Condition (Good, Scuffed, Severe Wear)						



3. Use a service manual or information system to locate the specified piston diameter:



4. Are your pistons within specification? ______

5. What would you recommend to the customer: ______

Ring Measurements



1. Place each piston ring in its correct cylinder bore as shown in the demonstration video and measure its ring end gap using a feeler gauge. Record your results in the chart below.



	Cylinder #1	Cylinder #2	Cylinder #3	Cylinder #4	Cylinder #5	Cylinder #6
Upper						
Compression Ring						
Lower						
Compression Ring						
Oil Control						
Ring Rail #1						
Oil Control						
Ring Rail #2						



2. Use a service manual or information system to locate the specified ring end gap. Record the specifications in the chart below.

	Specification
Upper Compression Ring	
Lower Compression Ring	
Oil Control Ring Rails	



3. Are you ring end gaps within specification? ______

4. If not why do you think they are not within specification?

5. What would you recommend to the customer? ______

Show your instructor so they can check your work so far.

Instructor Signature: _____

Ring Groove Clearance



1. Install the piston rings back onto the correct pistons as shown in the demonstration video. Show your instructor when you are done

Instructor Signature: _____



2. Measure the ring groove clearance for each ring as shown in the demonstration video. Record your results in the chart below.



	Piston #1	Piston #2	Piston #3	Piston #4	Piston #5	Piston #6
Upper Compression Ring						
Lower Compression Ring						
Oil Control Ring						



3. Use a service manual or information system to find the specified ring groove clearance for your engine. Record the specification in the chart below.

	Specification
Upper Compression Ring	
Lower Compression Ring	
Oil Control Ring	