

ARE YOU SURE

If you can answer yes to more than 10 of the following statements, then you should look into **AUTO TECHNICIAN** as a possible career.

1. I can do math reasonably well.
2. I really like to solve problems involving mechanical things.
3. I take pride in doing a job right the first time.
4. I like to read and understand technical books and manuals.
5. I like working with many different tools.
6. I like working with my hands.
7. I want to learn how engines and other systems of different vehicles work.
8. I like to write about or talk about how and why technical and mechanical things work or don't work.
9. I like to work alone, but am willing to be part of a team.
10. I don't mind working in cramped or awkward positions.
11. I can be a team player when needed.
12. I like to stay with a task until it's done regardless of its difficulty.
13. I want to know more about on-board computers and advanced electronics used on today's vehicles.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

- * Auto mechanic work offers steady employment.
- * You have to provide your own hand tools.
- * Even in well-ventilated shops, exhaust fumes prevail.
- * Shops may be drafty and difficult to keep warm in the winter or cool in the summer.
- * One out of seven auto technicians is self-employed.
- * Most cars are smaller than they were 20 years ago.
- * Many components, including engines and body panels, are being made from lightweight materials.
- * Virtually every system on today's automobile involves electronics.
- * Although less than 2% of the nation's auto technicians are women, most large shops and dealerships are willing to hire qualified women.
- * Automotive technology requires constant updating to stay current with technically complex systems.
- * Almost all automotive employers require drug testing and a valid (FL) driver license with no points.