



Tyre fitter

Description

Tyre fitters carry out all tasks with regard to the replacement and fitting tyres on different vehicles. Tyre fitters have good knowledge of tyre types and quality, and types and methods of handling the rims and tyre pressure sensors. Depending on what is needed and what are the circumstances, they work on tyre replacement, wheel balancing, and they repair damaged tyres. They make calculations to determine the price of their services; estimate the scope of work and the time they need to complete it; they also talk with customers and give them advice about the possibilities and costs of tyre replacement and maintenance. Depending on their field of work, tyre fitters may also carry out simpler tasks, including checking and topping up the engine oil level, checking the lights and bulbs on the vehicle, etc. Tyre fitters are also responsible for tyre storing and, considering they use tools and machines in the course of their work, they need to maintain those as well.

To do a tyre fitter's job, a person needs to have technical knowledge and possess practical skills – primarily about tyres but also about vehicles; they also need to be precise, to have good movement skills and willingness to help, considering that they are in direct contact with their customers. If you work in tyre fitting and car maintenance and repair shops, you need to cooperate with other car specialists and be good at teamwork. Their work predominantly takes place indoors or in a semi-open space.

Desirable traits/requirements

- Manual dexterity
- Agility and perseverance
- Good sight and visual acuity
- Spatial orientation
- Responsibility and reliability
- Being organised and flexible
- Good communication skills and willingness to help
- Teamwork

Positive aspects:

- Tyre fitters generally maintain daily communication with their customers. They work in a team and they need to perform their important tasks responsibly so as to ensure safe driving.

Negative aspects:

- You often need to work quickly and within a time constraint. Depending on the workload, you may need to do overtime work, even on weekends.

Career path/field of work

In order to be able to do the tyre fitter's job, you need to undergo specific training for working in this field; diploma from a secondary vocational school is preferable.

Tyre fitters work in tyre fitting shops and in car maintenance and repair shops.