
Overview

This standard addresses the competence required to strip down an item of furniture ready for work to be carried out on it. This standard is particularly relevant to work in repair and restoration contexts. This involves stripping down an item to meet specifications and storing removed components safely

There is also a scope statement which defines the coverage of this standard.

**Performance
criteria**

- You must be able to:
- P1 check that the **work specification** to be met is clear and complete before beginning
 - P2 select and prepare appropriate **tools and equipment** for the work to be done
 - P3 work in a logical and safe sequence
 - P4 take steps to avoid unnecessary damage to the **item of furniture**
 - P5 use **personal protective equipment** that is appropriate to the materials and finishes of which the item is made
 - P6 report any problems which you cannot solve to a more senior person
 - P7 dispose of waste safely
 - P8 handle the **components** in ways which avoid damaging them
 - P9 protect the **components** from damage and soiling during storage
 - P10 store the **components** in appropriate conditions to keep them secure and in the required state for re-use
 - P11 keep clear and accurate records of the removed **components** so they can be reunited with the **item of furniture**

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the meaning of terms used in specifications for stripping down furniture
- K2 when and why furniture items would be stripped down in part or completely before further work
- K3 what sort of tools and equipment are needed and what each is for
- K4 what the commercial and safety implications are of not following a logical sequence to complete the work
- K5 when and why it may be necessary to use different sorts of personal protective equipment
- K6 what sort of problems you are competent to solve and when to seek assistance
- K7 how to deal with any mechanical or electrical components when stripping down furniture
- K8 where and how to dispose of waste
- K9 the handling characteristics of different components and what steps to take to avoid damaging them
- K10 what sort of protection is used for different sorts of components
- K11 what conditions different sorts of component need to be kept in if they are to be in a fit state for later use
- K12 the implications for your work of relevant regulations, including where to find out about relevant risk assessment details and risk control strategies that have been set by your organisation
- K13 what information to record and why

Additional information

Scope / range:

Component

Components include solid, structural components and upholstery components. Components may be fragile in that they can be easily damaged and may need special protective measures to be taken. More robust components may still need careful handling, but do not require any special treatment.

Tools and equipment

The tools and equipment used for stripping down an item of furniture including a variety of hand tools. Stripping methods would include either hand methods- solvents/scrap or dipping methods-hot/cold, depending on the item to be stripped.

Item of furniture

Any item of furniture, whether modern or traditional, which needs to be stripped down in order for repairs to be made to structural aspects and/or to upholstery.

Work specification

The set of instructions which describe the work to be carried out, including details of the area of the item to be stripped down, if not the whole item, and any special handling and/or storage instructions specified by the client ordering the work to be done, or the organisation.

Personal Protective Equipment

The personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the employer for use in carrying out various activities for which a risk assessment has identified that PPE is needed. These include items of clothing that protect the wearer's eyes, lungs, skin, and clothing. They would be particularly necessary when dealing with older furniture which is made of materials which have deteriorated and/or finishes which might be toxic.

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Strip down and store items of furniture



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