

FIRE FIGHTER I CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION

Test: SA103

NFPA 1001, 2002 Edition JPR 5.3.1, 5.3.1(a), 5.3.1(b)
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus—Donning, Breathing Techniques, Alarm

Candidate Name: _____

Organization: _____

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Date: _____ Test Site: _____ Candidate Signature: _____

Skills Test Objective: (TEST TIME OF 6 MINUTES; SCBA DONNING TEST TIME OF 1 MINUTE) The candidate, wearing full protective clothing, shall properly don a SCBA within 1 minute. Upon completion of the donning procedure, candidate shall demonstrate use of the emergency by-pass valve, the unit has been properly donned, demonstrate normal breathing techniques and explain, demonstrate controlled breathing techniques and explain, and demonstrate the sound of a low air alarm and inform the examiner that they know what the sound is.

| Scoring | | | |
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| Skill | Points | 1 st Score | 2 nd Score |
| Checks the air cylinder to visualize the amount of air in the bottle | 10 | | |
| Opens the cylinder valve ALL the way | 5 | | |
| Places the unit securely on his/her back | 5 | | |
| Adjusts both shoulder straps | 5 | | |
| Adjusts the waist strap | 5 | | |
| Dons the facepiece, equally tightening all straps | 5 | | |
| Checks the facepiece seal | 15 | | |
| Checks the exhalation valve | 5 | | |
| Dons hood properly | 5 | | |
| Dons helmet securely | 5 | | |
| Connects the low pressure hose to the regulator COMPLETELY or connects MMR regulator to facepiece | 5 | | |
| Ensures the mainline is fully open or activates MMR by inhaling | 5 | | |
| Operated emergency bypass on request | 5 | | |
| SCBA is properly donned and worn correctly by candidate | 5 | | |
| Demonstrates normal breathing techniques and explains | 5 | | |
| Demonstrates controlled breathing techniques and explains | 5 | | |
| Demonstrates a low air alarm and indicates the sound when heard | 5 | | |
| GRADE: Pass or Fail | Total Possible Points | 100 | |
| Test Time of (1 st): | Test Time of (2 nd): | | |
| Test Time of: 6 Minutes | Elapsed Test Time: | | |

SCBA test time of 1 minute is for all tasks located above the bold line where candidate “ensures the mainline is fully open.....”.

Examiner will list the evaluation steps, which the candidate performed incorrectly, stated incorrectly, or omitted. 75% is required to pass this station.

Comments:

Examiner’s Signature: _____

Examiner Evaluation Criteria

Performance Evaluation:

The examiner shall allow the candidate to utilize one of four acceptable methods to don the apparatus based on how the Department stores its units. 1) Over-the-head method, 2) Coat method, 3) Seat mount method, 4) Compartment mount method. Examiner must use judgment allowing candidate to perform donning procedure according to the manufacturers recommendations.

The Examiner shall read the Skills Test Objective listed for this skill to the candidate and may answer any clarifying questions that the candidate may have regarding that requirement only. Please note the allowable test time for the skills station. This time does include any other skills that are individually time tested. Any skill with a specific time limit must be timed individually, but should any candidate exceed the time limit by a small margin; this should not constitute a failure (shall be an objective determination by the Examiner).

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Testing Criteria:

The candidate shall be evaluated using the Practical Skills Examination Checklist sheet. The candidate must score a minimum of 75% to receive a PASS grade. Should the candidate receive a FAIL grade, the Examiner will tell the candidate they have failed, permit them to ask questions about the skills and what was missed, and then the Examiner will notify the Chief Examiner to report to the test station. The candidate may immediately re-test under the supervision of a different Examiner.

References:

IFSTA, Essentials of Fire Fighting, 4th Edition
SFMTD FFI, Session 1, Lesson 1B
SFMTD FFI, Session 2, Lesson 4B