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Please note:

You can use this assignment to provide evidence for summative assessment, which is when the learner has completed their learning for this unit and is ready to be assessed against the grading criteria.

You can use this assignment as it is, or you can modify it or write your own; we give more information in this document under Guidance for tutors.

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Guidance for tutors on using this assignment

General

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The purpose of this assignment is to provide a scenario and set of tasks that are typical of how engineers would design mechanical engineering components and products to enable you to assess your learner against the requirements specified in the grading criteria. The scenario and its tasks are intended to give a work-relevant reason for applying the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to achieve the unit.

This assignment will not instruct learners how to meet the highest grade. Whether learners achieve a pass, merit or distinction will depend on what evidence they produce.

You can modify the scenario we provide in this assignment to make it more relevant to your local or regional needs. Please refer to the information under 'Modifying the model assignment' later in this section.

You don't have to use this assignment. You can use it as a guide to help you to design your own assignment, and we provide an assignment checking service. You'll find more information on these matters in section 8 of the qualification handbook.

In the tasks, we'll refer to the format of evidence. Learners are **not** required to follow that format **unless** we tell them otherwise.

It's essential that the work every learner produces is their own. Please make sure you read through the information we give on authenticity in section 8 of the qualification handbook and make sure that your learners and any staff involved in assessment understand how important authenticity is.

We provide this assignment to be used for summative assessment. You must not use it for practice or for formative assessment.

Before using this assignment to carry out assessment

Learners will need to take part in a planned learning programme that covers the knowledge, understanding and skills of the unit.

When your learners are ready to be assessed, they must be provided with a copy of the following sections of this assignment:

- General information for learners
- Assignment for learners
- Evidence Checklist

They may carry out preparation prior to undertaking the tasks and there is no time limit for this.

When completing the assignment

You should use this assignment in conjunction with the unit specification and qualification handbook.

Please note – if learners are completing this model assignment as part of the Extended Diploma qualification they will be required to complete the synoptic unit 25: Promoting continuous improvement. Before your learners complete this model assignment, you must refer to the specification and model assignment requirements for unit 25, so if applicable you can ensure learners gather the appropriate feedback on their own performance and performance of the system, process or artefact that they will produce in this model assignment.

Resources to complete the tasks

There are resource requirements for this assignment. Every learner will need access to the following resources:

- For task 1 learners will require access to drawing equipment, such as a rule, pencils, pens, paper, set square, protractor etc. in order to complete the sketching and drawings parts of the task. They could also require access to relevant extracts from British Standards. Parts of the task could be undertaken practically (e.g. safe dismantling and re-assembly of a kettle) which would require access to a suitable kettle, tools and safety equipment.
- For task 2 learners will require access to data in order to carry out a design optimisation. This could, for example, include data on materials properties. They will require access to suitable equipment to process mathematical and statistical data (e.g. a calculator). Data could also be processed using software, such as a spreadsheet.

Information to support the tasks

In task 1 learners could examine the designs of existing kettles through a theoretical study, or by conducting practical investigations by dismantling a kettle. It is not essential that learners produce a fully-developed design for a complete new kettle in this task as they could develop more fully one or more mechanical aspect of the kettle such as the hinge and release mechanism, handle, cordless base, etc.

In task 2 learners will require access to data in order to optimise the design, this can be provided by you or sourced independently by the learner. This could be related to parameters such as the weight, strength, heat resistance of materials etc. Calculations relating to design optimisation could be done with the aid of a spreadsheet.

Health and Safety and the use of resources

Health and safety will need to be considered should any of the tasks, or parts of the tasks be undertaken as practical activities (such as dismantling a kettle). This should include appropriate risk assessments, safe working methods statements and the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Learners should be encouraged to take part in assessing risk before conducting any practical activity.

Time

You should plan for learners to have 13–15 hours to complete this assignment.

Learners must be allowed sufficient time to complete all the tasks. The amount of time may vary depending on the nature of the tasks and the ability of individual learners. To help with your planning, against each of the tasks we've given an indication of how long it should take.

Learners can produce evidence in several sessions.

Format of evidence

Learners have to produce evidence that demonstrates how they have met the grading criteria. At the very least they must produce evidence that meets **all** of the pass criteria.

Please make sure your learners realise that missing just one pass criterion means they will not pass the unit, even if they have successfully met the merit and distinction criteria.

We don't have specific requirements for the format of evidence in this assignment. We've said what format the evidence could take for each task. For example, if we say 'You could include a report on ...', the evidence doesn't have to follow any specific reporting conventions. You can modify the format of the evidence, but you must make sure the format doesn't prevent the learner from accessing the grading criteria.

It's possible that certain formats for evidence can naturally cover several grading criteria and avoid the need for excessive amounts of evidence. For example, a report can be a good way to pull together evidence to meet several grading criteria.

For more guidance on generation and collection of evidence, please refer to the section 8 'Internal Assessment', in the qualification handbook.

Group work

This assignment hasn't been written to include group work. If you plan to ask learners to work in a team to complete work for assessment, you need to determine at which point in an assessment task learners can work together.

You must be sure that each learner can produce evidence of their own contribution to each grading criterion. You can give constructive feedback to learners about working as a group and direct them on team working skills because evidence of team working skills is not required by the unit. See our information on authentication, including group work and feedback to learners, in section 8 of the qualification handbook.

If witness statements are used to support learners' evidence, you'll need to complete an individual statement for each learner.

After completing the assignment

Once the learner has submitted their work to you to be assessed, you must judge or 'mark' the work against the grading criteria for the unit and identify one grade for the unit. For further information about assessment, please refer to section 8 of the qualification handbook.

Your assessment decisions must be quality assured across the cohort of learners in your centre who are being entered for the same unit. This must be done through an internal standardisation process. We give information on internal assessment and standardisation in the qualification handbook.

Reworking the assignment

If you and the learner feel they've not performed at their best during the assessment, the learner can, at your discretion, improve their work and resubmit it to you for assessment. If a learner is working on improving their work before it is resubmitted, you and the learner must continue to make sure the work is the learner's own.

Any feedback you give to the learner must not direct them on how to improve their work. You can identify what area of the work could be improved but you cannot give the learner any details about how they could improve it. You must follow the guidelines given in section 8 of the qualification handbook under 'Authenticity of learner work'.

Modifying the model assignment

The tasks in this assignment allow learners access to the full range of grades detailed in the grading criteria of this unit.

If you modify this assignment you must **not** change the grading criteria provided in the tasks for the learner or in the evidence checklist. These grading criteria are taken from the unit.

You can modify the scenario to suit your local or regional needs and the tasks may be contextualised to match any changes you have made to the scenario.

You can modify the type of evidence and the format it takes, unless we expressly state that evidence must take a specific format.

You must also make sure that you avoid discrimination, bias and stereotyping and support equality and diversity. For more information, please see the section 'Designing your own assignments for internally assessed units' in section 8 of the qualification handbook.

If modifications are made to the model assignment, whether to the scenario alone, or to both the scenario and individual tasks, it's your responsibility to make sure that all grading criteria can still be met and that learners can access the full range of grades.

If you're using this model assignment and delivering the Foundation Diploma or Diploma you have an opportunity to secure meaningful employer involvement by working with an employer to modify it.

General information for learners

Q ***What do I need to do to pass this assignment?***

A You need to produce evidence to meet the requirements of **all** the pass criteria for the unit this assignment relates to. If you miss just one pass criterion, you will not achieve this unit and will receive an unclassified result.

Q ***What do I need to do if I want to get a merit or distinction for this assignment?***

A For a merit, you need to produce evidence to meet the requirements of **all** the pass criteria for the unit this assignment relates to **and** you need to produce evidence to meet **all** the merit criteria.

For a distinction, in addition to the above, you also need to meet **all** the distinction criteria for this unit.

Q ***What help will I get?***

A Your tutor will support you when completing this assignment and will make sure that you know what resources or facilities you need and are allowed to use. We've given your tutor information about how much support they can give you.

Q ***What if I don't understand something?***

A It's your responsibility to read the assignment carefully and make sure you understand what you need to do and what you should hand in. If you are not sure, check with your tutor.

Q ***I've been told I must not plagiarise. What does this mean?***

A Plagiarism is when you take someone else's work and pass this off as your own, or if you fail to acknowledge sources properly. This includes information taken from the internet.

It's not just about presenting a whole copied assignment as your own; you will also be plagiarising if you use the ideas or words of others without acknowledgement, and this is why it's important to reference your work correctly (see Q&A below for more information on referencing).

Plagiarism has serious consequences; you could lose the grade for this unit or you may not be allowed to achieve the whole qualification.

Always remember that the work you produce must be your own work. You will be asked to sign a declaration to say that it is.

Q ***What is referencing and where can I find out more information about it?***

A Referencing is the process of acknowledging the work of others. If you use someone else's words and ideas in your assignment, you must acknowledge it, and this is done through referencing.

You should think about why you want to use and reference other people's work. If you need to show your own knowledge or understanding about an aspect of subject content in your assignment, then just quoting and referencing someone else's work will not show that **you** know or understand it. Make sure it's clear in your work how you are using the material you have referenced **to inform** your thoughts, ideas or conclusions.

You can find more information about how to reference in *The OCR Guide to Referencing* available on our website: <http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/168840-the-ocr-guide-to-referencing>.

Q ***Can I work in a group?***

A Yes. However, if you work in a group at any stage, you must still produce work that shows your individual contribution. Your tutor can advise you how to do this.

Q ***Does my work for each task need to be in a particular format?***

A You can present your work in a variety of ways – it can be handwritten, word-processed, on video or in digital media. What you choose should be appropriate to the task(s) and your tutor can advise you. There may be times when you need proof that you have completed the work yourself: for example, if you do something during work placement that you want to use as evidence, the tutor might ask the employer to provide a witness statement.

Make sure you check the wording in each task carefully. For each task, we'll tell you if your evidence has to be in a specific format:

- If we say use the word '**must**', for example 'You must produce a report' or 'Your evidence/work must include a diagram', then you must produce the work in the stated format.
- If we use the word '**could**', for example 'You could include sketches of your ideas' or 'You could do this by annotating your diagram', this means that you are not required to follow the format we have given, but you must make sure that the work you do produce allows you to demonstrate the requirements of the grading criteria.

If you are unsure about what evidence you need, please ask your tutor.

Q ***Can I ask my tutor for feedback on my work?***

A Yes, but they can't give you detailed feedback.

We have given your tutor instructions on what kind of feedback they can give you. For example, they are **not** allowed to tell you exactly what to do to make your work better, but they **can** remind you about what they've taught you and you can use this additional learning to try and improve your work independently. They can say what they've noticed might be wrong with your work, for example if your work is descriptive where an evaluation is required, but your tutor can't tell you specifically what you need to do to change it from a description to an evaluation – you will need to work out what you need to do and then do it for yourself.

Q ***When I have finished, what do I need to do?***

A If you have included the personal details (such as name, address or date of birth) of someone other than yourself in your work, this must be blanked out (anonymised) – your tutor will tell you how to do this. You don't need to do this for information contained in references.

You can complete the evidence checklist to show your tutor where they can find the evidence for each grading criterion in your work.

You should make sure your work is labelled, titled and in the correct order for assessing.

Hand in the work that you've completed for each task to your tutor. They might ask to see your draft work, so please keep your draft work in a safe place.

Q *How will my work be assessed?*

A Your work will be marked by someone in your centre who has been authorised to do so. They will use the information in the grading criteria to decide which grade your work meets. The grading criteria are detailed in each unit and are also given in the tasks within this assignment. Please ask your tutor if you are unsure what the grading criteria are for this assignment.

Assignment for learners

Unit 9: Mechanical Design

Scenario

Premium Kettle Design

'OCR Small Appliances' design and manufacture a range of low cost / basic kettles typically sold in supermarkets.



In order to stay competitive the managing director of 'OCR Small Appliances' has decided that they should move into the premium range kettle market. They need to design and manufacture a new electric kettle for this market and have already undertaken some preliminary research into the typical features found for this type of kettle, such as:

- lightweight rust and corrosion resistant
- integral pouring spout
- ergonomic handle
- cordless with a safe electrical connection
- hinged lid with spring-loaded release mechanism
- concealed heating element
- ON indicator light
- automatic thermostatic turn off
- water level gauge.

You have been asked to generate design ideas for a new premium electric kettle and develop one or more features using formal engineering techniques.

You must present your design ideas and how you have optimised the design to the managing director at OCR Small Appliances. This could be done using a log of the design process that includes a portfolio of imagery that evidences the design and optimisation process. The log could be presented as an electronic or paper-based report showing your recommendations and thought processes and which demonstrates evidence of investigating existing products, sketching, accurate engineering drawing and design optimisation.

Task 1: Investigate existing electric kettles and generate design ideas for the new premium kettle

(This task should take between 7 and 8 hours.)

Learning Outcomes assessed in this task:

Learning Outcome 1: ‘Be able to use graphical and engineering drawing techniques to communicate design solutions’,

Learning Outcome 2: ‘Be able to select appropriate engineering materials to achieve design solutions’ and

Learning Outcome 3 ‘Be able to design components that can be successfully manufactured’

Your task is to present to the managing director a range of 2D and 3D sketches for a new premium kettle design.

To inform your design ideas you will need to look at existing kettle designs alongside other products.

The managing director asks you to develop at least one of the features of your new kettle design using formal 2D and 3D engineering drawing techniques which should be to British Standards.

They have also asked you to determine the materials and manufacturing requirements for the component(s) based on your research of existing products. You will need to justify the materials and manufacturing processes you have selected so you can demonstrate they can be successfully manufactured.

Pass	Merit	Distinction
P1: Use freehand 2D and 3D sketches to communicate designs.	M1: Enhance 2D and 3D sketches using rendering techniques.	D1: Use accurate formal 2D and 3D drawings to produce a design solution, using rendering techniques and technical detail.
P2: Use British Standards in engineering drawings.		
P3: Determine material requirements for a design scenario based on investigation of existing products and components.	M2: Create a design for components justifying materials and manufacturing processes selected.	D2: Design components incorporating and justifying in detail the use of principles of DFMA and design optimisation.*
P4: Determine appropriate manufacturing requirements for components based on investigation of existing products and components.		
P5: Create a design for components.		
		*see task 2 for design optimisation.

Evidence

You must clearly show the process of how you investigated existing kettle designs, and how you used sketching and engineering drawings to develop new designs.

You could use a log of the design process to present as evidence. This log could include:

- well referenced research of existing products which could include annotated photographic evidence
- a developed portfolio of sketches
- a developed portfolio of accurate and formal engineering drawings
- a written technical justification of the design process using the principles of DFMA.

Task 2: Modify and optimise component(s) to improve performance

(This task should take between 6 and 7 hours.)

Learning Outcome 4: ‘Be able to optimise design to improve performance’ is assessed in this task.

Your task is to modify and optimise your selected features/components of your premium electric kettle design. You should use statistics and mathematical calculations to support this optimisation. You should also consider this in relation to ease of assembly or sustainable design.

Please note you will require access to data to complete this task, this may be provided to you by your tutor or you may be required to source this yourself.

Pass	Merit	Distinction
P6: Identify key aspects of designs and suggest modifications.	M3: Modify designs of components products to improve ease of assembly or sustainable design.	D2: Design components incorporating and justifying in detail the use of principles of DFMA* and design optimisation. *see task 1 for principles of DFMA
P7: Use statistics and mathematical calculations to interpret the outcomes of design optimisation.		
Evidence		
<p>You could do this by adding to your existing log by including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> annotated sketches and drawings showing design modifications a written technical justification of how the design modifications you have made have optimised the design statistical and mathematical calculations quantifying the outcomes of design optimisation – this could be done using ICT and software such as a spreadsheet. 		

Evidence Checklist

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LEARNER NAME:

For Pass have you: (as a minimum you have to show you can meet every pass criterion to complete the unit)	Where can your tutor find the evidence? Give page no(s)/digital timings, etc.
Used freehand 2D and 3D sketches to communicate designs (P1)	
Used British Standards in engineering drawings. (P2)	
Determined material requirements for a design scenario based on investigation of existing products and components. (P3)	
Determined appropriate manufacturing requirements for components based on investigation of existing products and components. (P4)	
Created a design for components. (P5)	
Identified key aspects of designs and suggest modifications (P6)	
Used statistics and mathematical calculations to interpret the outcomes of design optimisation (P7)	

For Merit have you:	Where can your tutor find the evidence? Give page no(s)/digital timings, etc.
Enhanced 2D and 3D sketches using rendering techniques. (M1)	
Created a design for components justifying materials and manufacturing processes selected (M2)	
Modified designs of components products to improve ease of assembly or sustainable design (M3)	

For Distinction have you:	Where can your tutor find the evidence? Give page no(s)/digital timings, etc.
Used accurate formal 2D and 3D drawings to produce a design solution, using rendering techniques and technical detail (D1)	
Designed components incorporating and justifying in detail the use of principles of DFMA and design optimisation (D2)	

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