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Professional Summary

Experienced mechanical and engineering technician with over 15 years of hands-on expertise in automotive, aviation, and ground support equipment maintenance. Skilled in diagnostics, repairs, and refurbishment across mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, and pneumatic systems. Adept at working in high-pressure environments, collaborating with diverse teams, and delivering high-quality, timely results.

Key Skills

- Automotive diagnostics & repairs (Petrol & Diesel)
- Aircraft maintenance – airframe & powerplant
- Ground support equipment (GSE) refurbishment & maintenance
- Mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, and pneumatic systems
- Preventive & corrective maintenance
- Troubleshooting & fault-finding
- Safety compliance & technical documentation
- Team collaboration & leadership

Professional Experience

Senior GSE Maintenance Technician

Dnata & TLD, Dubai | 2018 – 2023

- Performed refurbishment and scheduled maintenance on ramp equipment (TLD, JBT, TUG, Mallaghan, etc.).
- Conducted mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, and pneumatic system repairs.
- Completed manufacturer-specific training and technical courses.
- Implemented preventive maintenance programs to reduce equipment downtime.

Aircraft Mechanic

Mega Aero Training Academy, South Africa | 2014 – 2018

- Completed aircraft mechanic apprenticeship focusing on airframe and powerplant systems.
- Worked on Cessna, Beechcraft, and Bombardier aircraft.
- Conducted inspections, repairs, and troubleshooting in compliance with aviation safety standards.

Petrol & Diesel Mechanic

Various Automotive Workshops, South Africa | 2008 – 2014

- Diagnosed and repaired Japanese and German vehicles, including engines, gearboxes, suspension, brakes, and electrical systems.
- Applied strong mechanical skills acquired from formal training.

Education & Training

- Aircraft Maintenance Engineering – Bachelor Apprentice, Mega Aero Training Academy
- Petrol & Diesel Mechanic Certification – Mechanical School
- 12th Grade Equivalent

Technical Competencies

- Licensed driver (Full)
- Mechanical maintenance & repair
- Engineering design & implementation
- Diagnostic equipment & software

Personal Attributes

- Determined and results-driven
- Strong teamwork and communication skills
- Self-managed and reliable
- Committed to continuous learning and professional growth

References

Available upon request