Summary of Duties: Performs skilled work in preparing metal and other surfaces on automotive equipment for painting and in applying lacquers, primers, synthetic enamels, polyurethane, and epoxy with spray guns and other auto painting equipment to automotive and construction equipment; and does related work.

Distinguishing Features: An Auto Painter is responsible for proper preparation of surfaces and application of painting materials to a variety of exterior surfaces. The work of an employee in this class is distinguished from that of other journey level painter classes by the fact that the work primarily involves the painting of automotive and construction equipment. An employee in this class does not usually erect scaffolds and platforms but may work at heights of up to 30 feet. An Auto Painter spends a substantial portion of the work time spray painting. The duties may also require that an employee wear a mask, fresh air breathing apparatus or other safety equipment as needed, when working with paint products emitting hazardous vapors.

Examples of Duties: Removes accessories; masks glass, trim, and other parts not to be painted; cleans, sands and prepares surfaces for painting; applies primer and finish coats to motorcycles, automobiles, trucks, fire apparatus, boats, and construction equipment using lacquers and synthetic paints and enamels; applies decals, pressure sensitive and scotchlite numbers, letters, seals, and trim; may paint safety lines on rear of equipment; may paint automotive accessories; may do body work required to prepare motor vehicles for painting; may work with unpleasant or toxic fumes and materials wearing protective and safety equipment; may mix and match paints; may occasionally rub, polish, and wax finish coats;

In addition to automotive equipment painting work: may spray paint new construction from a metal shop; may use silk screen process and stencils to make miscellaneous signs; may stencil rubbish containers; may replace auto window glass; may occasionally paint boats;

Cleans and maintains spray guns and other painting equipment; keeps time and work records; may work as a lead over a helper; and may occasionally be assigned to other duties for training purposes or to meet technological changes or emergencies.

Qualifications: A good knowledge of the processes, techniques and materials used in painting automotive and construction equipment; a good knowledge of the proper methods of preparing automotive equipment for painting; a good knowledge of the proper methods of caring for spray guns and other auto painting equipment and materials; a good knowledge of safety precautions required in performing the work of the trade; a working knowledge of safe work practices and Safety Orders of the California Division of Industrial Safety pertinent to painting; general knowledge of stenciling; skill in the use of spray guns and
other auto painting equipment; the ability to mix and match paints; the ability to prepare auto body surfaces for painting; and the ability to follow written and oral instructions;

Completion of a recognized three-year apprenticeship or the attainment of a journey-level rank as an auto painter or five years of experience as an auto painter helper is required.

License: A valid California driver's license is required.

Physical Requirements: Strength to perform average lifting up to 35 pounds and occasionally over 70 pounds; the agility, equilibrium and coordination as required when climbing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling and balancing under precarious conditions; arm, hand and finger dexterity with at least one hand involved in reaching, handling, fingering and feeling; good eyesight and color perception.

Persons with medical limitations may, with reasonable accommodations, be capable of performing the duties of some of the positions in this class. Such determination must be made on an individual basis in light of the person's limitations, the requirements of the position, and the appointing authority's ability to effect reasonable accommodations to the person's limitations.

As provided in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what all of the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be.