

ASE G1 Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

45 Questions	1h 30m Time limit	— Passing score
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The numbers to remember

- 55 total questions, 45 scored — the extra 10 are unscored pretest items you can't identify, so treat every question as counting.
- 90 minutes total time limit, roughly 100 seconds per question if you use the full window.
- \$62 test fee plus a separate \$34 registration fee per order, regardless of how many tests you schedule together.
- Certification must be renewed by retesting every five years to stay current.
- Recertification exam (G1R): 28 questions in 45 minutes — shorter than the initial test, so don't over-plan your recert pacing around the full-length exam.
- 1 to 3 years of relevant hands-on work experience required for the credential itself, varying by role — separate from the knowledge exam.

Blueprint areas and weights

- Suspension and Steering — 13 questions (largest area)
- Brakes — 11 questions
- Engine Systems — 9 questions
- Electrical — 8 questions
- Manual Drive Train and Axles — 6 questions
- Automatic Transmission/Transaxle — 4 questions
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning — 4 questions

Suspension/Steering and Brakes alone account for nearly half of the exam's questions — weight your final review accordingly, and treat the three smallest areas (drive train, automatic transmission, HVAC) as quick-hit topics rather than deep dives.

Diagnostic quick rules

- Verify the complaint before chasing a fix — don't assume the symptom description given is complete or accurate.
- Gather service history and do a visual inspection before recommending teardown.
- Isolate with the least invasive test first; don't jump straight to parts replacement.
- Always confirm the repair actually resolved the original complaint, not just that a part was swapped.
- Follow verify -> isolate -> confirm; answer choices that skip a step in that order are usually wrong.

Top traps

- On Technician A / B questions, evaluate each statement independently before comparing them — don't let one statement's plausibility convince you of the other.
- Watch for absolute words like "always" or "never" in a statement; they often signal a false claim with an unstated exception.
- "Both are correct" and "Neither is correct" are valid answers — don't avoid them purely by instinct.

- Don't confuse passing the knowledge test with holding certification — the credential also requires the documented work-experience requirement, separate from the exam score.
- Pace yourself against the 90-minute limit early; a timed practice run the night before helps the real pace feel familiar rather than rushed.

Official sources

- National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) — The Official ASE Study Guide: Automobile Maintenance and Light Repair (G1) Test:
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