EXHAUST & MUFFLER HANDOFF / 01

DESCRIBE OBSERVATIONS WITHOUT DIAGNOSING

Use Vehicle A and your own words. Do not decide what caused an observation or what it means for safety.

A helpful preparation resource from PickYourPro.ai. Fill in digitally or print. Keep your completed copy private.

Vehicle A / broad year, make and model only / no VIN or plate

Observation A / sound, smell, warning or visible concern in your words

When or under what ordinary condition it was noticed / no test instruction

Observation B / if any / no cause or repair conclusion

Prior shop note or manufacturer reference to mention / private reference only

Timing and access-window assumptions for a professional inspection

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SEPARATE FINDINGS, SCOPE AND PARTS

Ask the shop to own its findings and proposed scope. Keep parts identity and fitment confirmation explicit.

Shop finding / written document or proposal section

Affected section or connection included / shop terminology

Related section, hardware or condition excluded or unresolved

Part identity and fitment confirmation / responsible party / timing

Installation, testing and post-work documentation included

Uncertainty or additional inspection that could change scope

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CHECK THE NON-DIAGNOSTIC PACKET

Tick what is ready for comparison. These checks do not confirm vehicle condition, safety, emissions compliance or repair quality.

- [ ] No VIN, license plate or registration data is recorded
- [ ] No owner contact, location or payment data is recorded
- [ ] Observations are separate from shop findings
- [ ] No cause, safety or compliance conclusion is written
- [ ] Affected sections and exclusions are identified by the shop
- [ ] Parts identity and fitment responsibility is assigned
- [ ] Installation, testing and records are separated
- [ ] Recall or manufacturer questions remain with official sources

Written finding or proposal detail still needed

Manufacturer or official-source question kept separate

Scope change, approval or handoff question still open

Preparation only. Confirm scope and terms with the professional.

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QUESTIONS FOR THE EXHAUST & MUFFLER PRO

Ask every shop the same questions and record the written proposal section that answers each one.

Findings: what did your inspection find and where is it documented?

Scope: which sections, connections and related items are included or excluded?

Parts: who confirms identity and fitment before authorization?

Work: which installation, testing and final records are included?

Changes: what uncertainty could change the written scope?

Routing: what manufacturer or official question should I verify separately?

Preparation only. Confirm scope and terms with the professional.

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COMPARE WRITTEN SCOPE AND HANDOFFS

Use Shops A and B with the same neutral observation brief. A proposal comparison is not a diagnosis or repair decision.

Shop A / B / proposal dates / same Vehicle A brief

Inspection findings, affected sections and exclusions - A / B

Parts identity, fitment and installation responsibilities - A / B

Testing, records, timing, scope-change process and open questions - A / B

READY TO HEAR FROM PROS?

Create an account on PickYourPro.ai only if you choose, then start an Exhaust & Muffler request. Share a non-sensitive observation and scope-question brief so participating pros can compete with proposals. Compare inspection deliverables, affected-section scope, parts and fitment responsibility, installation, timing, exclusions and fit. A professional inspection may be required before final scope.

One request. Every pro's best offer.

Start a request

Participation varies. A planning conversation may be needed before a final proposal.

Planning guide: https://www.pickyourpro.ai/services/exhaust-muffler

EPA: Frequent Questions Related to Transportation, Air Pollution and Climate Change (official reference)

NHTSA: Resources for Investigations and Recalls (official reference)