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-  **LOCATION**
Soshanguve South,
Tshwane, Gauteng
-  **DRIVER'S LICENCE**
Code C1 (Code 10)
Heavy Vehicles
-  **NATIONALITY**
South African Citizen

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- General Servicing & Maintenance
- Engine Work & Rebuilds
- Diagnostics & Fault-Finding
- Brakes & Suspension
- Auto Electrical
- Custom Work & Modifications
- Heavy Vehicles & Diesel Systems

STRENGTHS

- Reliable
- Fast Learner
- Hard Worker
- Team Player
- Adaptable
- Takes Initiative
- Works Independently

LANGUAGES

- Sepedi**
Home Language
- English**
First Additional Language

Own basic toolset — ready to work from day one.
Willing to relocate or commute within Gauteng.

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MOTOR MECHANIC · 6+ YEARS HANDS-ON

PROFILE

Detail-focused and hard-working motor mechanic with over six years of hands-on experience servicing, diagnosing and repairing petrol and diesel vehicles. Technically trained at Soshanguve Technical High School and self-employed since 2019, running my own workshop and managing my own clients end to end. Now looking for a position that challenges my current skillset and grows me into a fully qualified artisan.

EXPERIENCE

Self-Employed Motor Mechanic

2019 – PRESENT

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- Full servicing and scheduled maintenance — oil, filters, fluids, wear items.
- Engine work: head gaskets, timing belts and chains, through to full rebuilds.
- Computer diagnostics and fault-finding before any work begins.
- Brakes, suspension and steering — pads, discs, shocks and springs.
- Auto electrical — starters, alternators, wiring faults, dash warnings.
- Custom work, performance modifications and conversion build projects.
- Own client base: quoting, parts sourcing and turnaround, start to finish.

BMW SA Engineering School of Specialisation

2019

Student Project Team · Soshanguve Technical High School

- One of six students chosen to convert a crash-damaged 2003 BMW 318i (E46).
- Stripping, structural rework, mechanical reassembly and finishing.
- Featured in national media — Sowetan Live, April 2019.

EDUCATION

National Senior Certificate

2019

Soshanguve Technical High School · Grade 12

SUBJECTS PASSED

- Mechanical Technology
- Technical Sciences
- Technical Mathematics
- Sepedi Home Language
- English First Additional Language
- Life Orientation

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Working towards Red Seal Trade Certification

Preparing to qualify as a Motor Mechanic artisan through the ARPL (Artisan Recognition of Prior Learning) route, which credits my six-plus years of practical workshop experience towards the national Trade Test.

Contactable references and full personal details available on request.

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Selected Work

A sample of jobs from my own workshop — engine strip-downs, timing work, diagnostics and board-level electrical repair, plus the BMW conversion project.

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BMW 318i E46 — custom bakkie

Six-student build team · BMW SA Engineering School of Specialisation, 2019



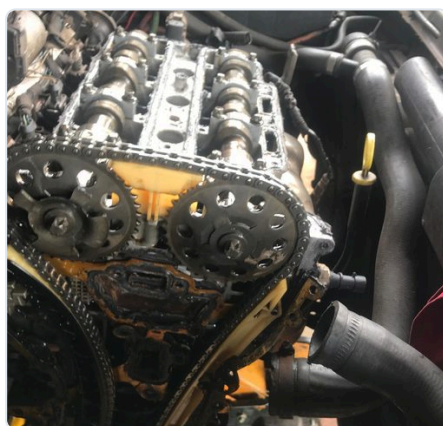
The same car, before

Collision-damaged donor vehicle



Front-end strip-down

Audi — full front clip removed for timing access



Camshafts & twin chains

Head off, valve train exposed



Timing chain & cam gears

Timed and reassembled to spec



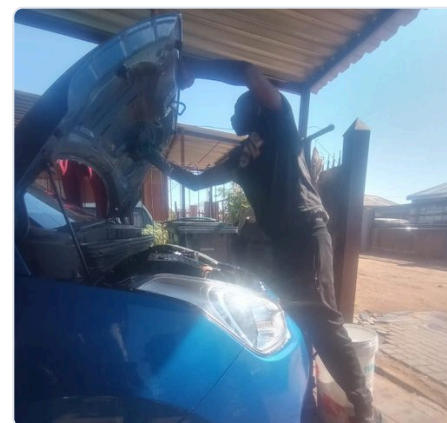
Timing belt replacement

Belt, tensioner and idler pulleys



Throttle actuator repair

Board-level electrical fault-finding



On the job

Home workshop, Soshanguve South