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As the trainee progresses, the student and trainer will indicate the completion of various topics by signing and dating the manual as indicated. When training is completed, the new analyst will receive a copy of the signed manual, with the original going to the QC manager.

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5.2 Tire treads

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- 6.6.3 Physical
- 6.6.4 Chemical
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- 6.7 Practical exercises

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8.3 Comparative examinations

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8.3.2 Measurements

8.3.3 Superimposition

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