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Machine Operator, Injection Molding

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SUMMARY

Machine operator with 6 years on injection molding presses and automated packaging lines in 3-shift plants. Runs 3 presses at once, performs own mold changes and first-piece inspection, and has kept scrap under 2% on my lines for the past 2 years.

EXPERIENCE

Machine Operator II — Foxbriar Plastics Manufacturing

Elgin, IL · Apr 2021 – Present

- Run 3 injection molding presses (150 to 300 ton) per shift, producing about 4,500 automotive clips and housings a shift.
- Cut average mold changeover time from 70 to 45 minutes by staging tooling and water lines before the previous run ended.
- Held scrap on my presses under 2% for 24 straight months by checking first pieces with calipers and adjusting hold pressure early.
- Log hourly dimensional checks in the plant's MES and stop the line when 2 consecutive parts drift toward tolerance limits.
- Trained 5 new operators on lockout/tagout, press startup and part inspection during their first 2 weeks.

Production Machine Operator — Kettle Creek Packaging Co.

Aurora, IL · Jun 2018 – Mar 2021

- Operated a form-fill-seal line packing 60 bags a minute, keeping line efficiency around 85% across 2nd shift.
- Cleared 10 to 15 minor jams a shift without maintenance callouts, logging each cause so 2 recurring faults were fixed.
- Completed sanitation changeovers between 4 product types to food-safety standards, passing 3 customer audits.
- Worked 600+ days without a recordable injury and joined the plant's monthly safety walk team.

SKILLS

Equipment: Injection molding presses, form-fill-seal lines, conveyors, robotic part pickers, labelers

Quality: First-piece inspection, calipers and micrometers, go/no-go gauges, SPC charts, reading blueprints

Safety: Lockout/tagout, machine guarding, PPE, OSHA 10, forklift certified

Systems: MES data entry, work orders, 5S, basic PLC HMI screens

CERTIFICATIONS

OSHA 10-Hour General Industry, 2019

Powered Industrial Truck (forklift) certification, current

EDUCATION

High School Diploma, Larkin Hill High School, 2017

Certificate in Manufacturing Technology, Elgin Valley Community College, 2020

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