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**Journeyman Sheet Metal Worker**

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## SUMMARY

Journeyman sheet metal worker with 8 years in commercial HVAC, 3 in the fabrication shop and 5 leading field installs on hospitals, schools and offices. Lays out fittings from shop drawings, runs plasma tables and press brakes, and installs rectangular and spiral duct up to 60 inches. Led a 4-person crew through 38,000 lb of duct on a hospital wing with 0 recordable injuries.

## EXPERIENCE

### Journeyman Sheet Metal Worker, Field Foreman — Willamette Air Systems

Portland, OR · Apr 2022 – Present

- Lead a 4-person crew installing supply, return and exhaust duct on commercial projects of 40,000 to 120,000 sq ft, finishing 6 of the last 7 projects on or ahead of schedule.
- Installed about 38,000 lb of rectangular and spiral duct on a 3-floor hospital wing, passing all 14 leakage tests at the first attempt.
- Coordinated hangers and penetrations with plumbing and electrical foremen through weekly BIM clash reviews, cutting field rework on duct runs by about 40% against the previous hospital job.
- Ran daily toolbox talks and lift inspections for scissor lifts and boom lifts, with 0 recordable injuries across 21,000 crew hours.

### Sheet Metal Fabricator — Columbia Sheet Metal Works

Vancouver, WA · Jun 2018 – Mar 2022

- Fabricated rectangular duct and fittings from 26 to 16 gauge galvanized steel on a CNC plasma table, coil line and press brake, about 2,500 lb per week.
- Laid out transitions, offsets and wyes by hand and in shop software, keeping rejected fittings under 2% for 3 years.
- Built 120 stainless steel kitchen exhaust hoods and duct sections with welded seams that passed every fire marshal inspection.

## SKILLS

Fabrication: CNC plasma table, press brake, shear, roll former, Pittsburgh and snap-lock seams, spot and TIG welding

Layout and drawings: Shop drawings, mechanical blueprints, pattern development, BIM coordination, field measuring

Installation: Rectangular, round and spiral duct, hangers and supports, dampers, fire dampers, sealing and leakage testing

Safety and certifications: OSHA 30, aerial lift certification, fall protection, journeyman card (SMART Local), first aid

## EDUCATION

Sheet metal apprenticeship, 5-year program, Oregon and SW Washington JATC, 2018

High school diploma, Madison High School, Portland, OR, 2013

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