David Saldana

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Objective

To secure a challenging position in the EV engineering industry or Aerospace and Defense industry, leveraging my skills, certifications, and extensive technical experience.

Certifications

- EPA Universal Refrigerant Handling Certification
- OSHA 10-Hour Card
- AutoCAD Certified Professional (ACP)

Key Skills

- Systems & Testing: Rectifiers & Inverters, Flight Control Systems, Space Simulation Chambers
- Diagnostics & Tools: Wiring Diagrams, Mechanical Schematics, PLC & HMI Systems, CAN Protocol
- Software & Design: AutoCAD, MS Office Suite, C++, Python, JavaScript, PCAN View, Visual Studio
- Testing & Troubleshooting: Environmental, Endurance, and DVT Testing, Root Cause Analysis
- Standards & Practices: Clean Room Protocols, Laser Safety, Manufacturing Practice, Arc Safety

Education

- UCI, Irvine, CA: Coding Certificate (ongoing)
- UCSD, San Diego: Engineering Design Certificate (AutoCAD)
- UCR, Riverside, CA: Mechanical Engineering
- Brownson Technical School: Commercial/Domestic Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Certificates

Professional Experience

Ampure (Formally Webasto), Monrovia, CA

R&D Test Engineer

March 2021 - January 2025

- Develop and execute test procedures for charging systems and batteries.
- Troubleshoot and revise board-level schematics and wiring diagrams.
- Assemble PCB boards and handle high-voltage equipment.
- Develop and execute battery scripts using C++
- Build custom test equipment and review CAD diagrams with engineers.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), La Canada Flintridge, CA

Test Chamber Engineer

October 2019 - March 2021

- Operated and maintained space simulator thermal chambers and LN2 systems.
- Conducted environmental testing for Mars Perseverance rover, NISAR, and SWOT projects.
- Installed and maintained wiring and test setups for flight hardware.
- Performed thermal, vacuum, and solar testing with clean room protocols.

Safran USA (Collins Aerospace), Irvine, CA

Engineering R&D Lab (Boeing 777x Program)

January 2019 – October 2019

- Conducted ATP/ATM testing on prototype flight control systems.
- Managed test documentation and equipment inventory.
- Collaborated with Boeing engineers on endurance and vibration testing.

Advanced Thermal Sciences (Collins Aerospace), Anaheim, CA

Engineering R&D Lab

November 2016 - January 2019

- Performed ATP on systems and revised PLC/HMI controllers.
- Assembled and tested PCB boards and handled inert fluids.
- Reviewed CAD diagrams with design teams.

References: Available upon request.