

Michael Balkie

Operating Engineer - Grasso Foods Inc

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To find employment with an established company and further my career, advance and expand my skills as a maintenance mechanic or operating engineer with opportunities to advance into a management position.
Authorized to work in the US for any employer

WORK EXPERIENCE

Operating Engineer

Grasso Foods Inc - Swedesboro, NJ - August 2013 to Present

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- Make entries and keep records on shift operations. This includes:
 - Taking and entering gauge readings and accurate water laboratory analysis readings
 - Taking temperatures on operating log sheets or into a computer data system to ensure preventative maintenance and equipment history
 - Changing charts and recordings accordingly
- Perform boiler water and cooling water chemical tests, including pH, alkalinity TDS, etc., to monitor and control growth of organisms in water
- Operate and monitor refrigeration plant and boiler
- Monitor and maintain lagoon waste water system
- Assisted in installation of automatic sorting machines
- Currently hold the following seals
 - Red Seal Refrigeration
 - Black Seal High Pressure Boiler

Previous Employment

Maintenance Mechanic

Cattelli Brothers Incorporated - Collingswood, NJ - August 2011 to May 2013

- Lead mechanic on multiple machines including Cryovac, Ross packaging, VMAG, and Repak
- Perform urgent, corrective and routine repairs in electrical, mechanical, carpentry, plumbing and HVAC equipment
- Operate, inspect and carry out basic, preventative maintenance
- Carry out general maintenance to buildings and grounds
- Maintain a spare parts inventory of high wear and tear replacement parts to reduce downtime.
- Perform preventive maintenance on all production equipment.
- Work with many parts vendors to get the best price for repair parts.
- Repair and rebuild machine attachments, systems, and parts
- Maintain and install electrical, pneumatic and hydraulic equipment.
- Communicate with outside contractors for miscellaneous jobs on- and off-site.
- Coordinate the purchasing of parts, tools and shop equipment
- Implement preventive maintenance schedules.
- Prioritize maintenance request.
- Maintain air compressors, HVAC systems, electrical and pneumatic systems throughout plant.

- Coordinated with the maintenance manager in repair and troubleshooting of equipment and systems in the plant.

Maintenance Mechanic

Mrs. Ressler Foods - Philadelphia, PA - September 2008 to August 2011

- Regulated the preventative maintenance of equipment such as adjustments, cleaning lubrication and diagnosing the equipment regularly.
- Coordinated with the maintenance manager in repair and troubleshooting of equipment and systems in the plant.
- Maintained a spare parts inventory of high wear and tear replacement parts to reduce downtime
- Key member in relocating plant to a new building in a timely matter
- Maintain, Troubleshoot and Repair Electrical AC/DC 110-660 volts
- Lead mechanic on 3 complex vacuum sealing machines

Maintenance Mechanic

Coleman Natural Foods - Williamstown, NJ - December 2007 to July 2008

- Trained and guided all equipment operators on the different processes and techniques.
- Repaired and replaced mechanical and electrical parts of equipment's
- Standardized all guidelines to maintain a clean and safe work area such as environmental and regulatory guidelines.

Maintenance Mechanic Apprentice

Casi Di Bertachi - Vineland, NJ - November 2006 to December 2007

- Performs all maintenance and repairs in conjunction with Lock Out, Tag Out program and other Division and OSHA safety standards
- Welding fabrications for repairs
- Prioritize maintenance request

Corrugator Operator

Weyerhaeuser - Barrington, NJ - April 2006 to November 2006

SKILLS

Maintenance (10+ years)

MILITARY SERVICE

Service Country: US

Branch: US Navy

Rank: E-5

July 1997 to December 2005

Machinest Mate Submarines

Commendations:

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

CERTIFICATIONS

Red Seal Refrigeration (Ammonia)

March 2018

black seal boiler (High Pressure)

March 2018

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Expertise

Skilled in all types of mechanical work-hydraulic, pneumatic, conveyor systems, cooling systems, pump rebuilding, gearbox rebuilding, pipe fitting, vacuum sealing machines, plumbing, basic welding. Six years of experience as a maintenance mechanic in the food industry. Responsible and highly motivated professional with solid and diverse experience in supervising, inspection, troubleshooting, operational testing, repair, and maintenance of equipment. Highly motivated, dependable, and demonstrate professionalism in handling various organizational functions. Innovative and reliable individual with proven ability to achieve organizational goals while displaying effective multi-tasking and time management skills. Display excellent analytical skills with keen attention to detail, ability to analyze situations, and research information to develop sound and ethical solutions.

Additional Skills:

- Great attention to detail
- Able to follow instructions effectively
- Able to work unsupervised
- Highly skilled in performing basic electrical repairs
- Hands-on experience to carry out basic plumbing repairs
- Able to communicate with all levels of the organization
- Excellent diagnostic abilities
- Profound knowledge of systems and tools needed to perform a procedure
- Sound understanding of safety precautions
- Demonstrated ability to determine causes of errors and good resolution judgment
- Profound ability to determine what type of tools will be used in which situation
- Able to communicate technical information effectively
- Sound knowledge of reading blueprints and other manuals
- Proven ability to detect problems and perform troubleshooting procedures
- Ability to handle precision machines and material handling equipment
- Excellent ability to perform all of the above, keeping in mind company standards and procedures

Certifications and Trainings

- Cryovac school
- 8600 and 8800 machines
- Boiler school (black seal)
- Submarine School and multiple other military schools