

SDS Lumber LLC.
Planer Pull Chain Operator Job Analysis (JA)

Job Title: **Planer Pull Chain Operator**
Department: Planer
Shift(s): Day

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GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION

The Pull Chain Operator pulls and stacks finished lumber (no more than 4 boards at a time) from a moving pull chain onto rolling lumber carts using grade stamp and length as a guide. Operator regulates the flow and can start/stop the chain. Broken or undesired wood must be pulled into the chip bin. All loads must be squared and look presentable to customers. Kiln sticks and bunks are automatically collected from the planer infeed line to the secondary line for sorting and reuse. This position is also responsible for assisting with the forklift as needed, and filling lath magazines at the stacker. This is a rotating position, training in other jobs will be required as directed by your supervisor. Operators must make sure that the chain stays on, and the lumber is moving. If a plug-up were to occur, the operator will follow the proper procedure to remove the plug-up in a safe and timely manner.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Job Qualifications, Requirements and Individual Must Meet to Be Eligible for This Job

Mandatory:

1. Must be Able to Understand Verbal and Written Instructions
2. Attention to detail
3. Self-motivated and quality driven
4. Able to read calipers, micrometers, tape measures
5. Able to use and maintain portable tools such as pike pole, pry bar, picaroon
6. Self-discipline.
7. Ability to perform minor diagnostics on system to determine assistance needed in event of breakdown.
8. Ability to identify situations where additional assistance is needed and request accordingly

JOB FUNCTIONS

ESSENTIAL: (The fundamental job duties)

- Identify colors of flashing lights to determine machine status.
- Physically capable or working on feet entire work shift.
- Ability to prioritize tasks to maintain smooth flow of product.
- Ability to use pry bars, picaroons and pike poles to manipulate lumber.
- Must follow established safe practices in the execution of duties.
- Must work well as a positive contributor to safety and productivity of the overall organization.

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

TYPE OF EQUIPMENT OR TOOLS USED FOR THIS POSITION AND FREQUENCY OF USE:

Check appropriate box for each tool used according to the amount of time tool is used per shift.

Occasionally 0% to 30%
Frequently 30% to 60%
Constantly 60% to 100%

<i>Tool/Equip</i>	<i>Never</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Frequently</i>	<i>Constantly</i>
Air Nozzle		X		
Pickaroon		X		
Pike Pole		X		
Chain Saw	X			
Power Tools	X			

PERCENTAGE OF TIME DURING NORMAL WORKDAY THE EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO:

<i>Task</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Task</i>	<i>%</i>
Sit	0	Reach above shoulder	0-10
Stand	100	Crawl	0-5
Walk	100	Kneel	0-5
Lift	20	Drive	0
Squat	0-10	Climb-Ladders or Stairs	0-5
Bend-full spinal range of motion	0-50	Twist-full spinal range of motion	0-50
Pushing	50-100	Pulling	50-100

WEIGHT REQUIRED TO BE LIFTED EACH NORMAL WORK DAY:

<i>Weight</i>	<i>Not Required</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Frequently</i>	<i>Constantly</i>
Up to 10#				X
Up to 20#				X
Up to 30#		X		
Up to 35#	X			
Up to 40#	X			
Up to 50#	X			
Greater than 50#	X			

WEIGHT REQUIRED TO BE CARRIED EACH NORMAL WORK DAY:

<i>Weight</i>	<i>Not Required</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Frequently</i>	<i>Constantly</i>
Up to 10#			x	
Up to 20#			x	
Up to 30#	x			
Up to 35#	x			
Up to 40#	x			
Up to 50#	x			
Greater than 50#	x			

DESCRIBE AND EXPLAIN LIFTING AND CARRYING REQUIREMENTS:

- Lift and carry broken pieces of lumber off pull chain
- Lift ends of intact boards to re-align

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REPETITIVE USE OF HANDS:

Occasionally 0% to 30%
Frequently 30% to 60%
Constantly 60% to 100%

FINE MANIPULATION

SIMPLE GRASPING

POWER GRIP

Hand	Duration	Hand	Duration	Hand	Duration
RIGHT		RIGHT		RIGHT	
LEFT		LEFT		LEFT	
BOTH	Constantly	BOTH	Constantly	BOTH	Constantly

USE OF FEET:

For operation of machinery control pedals including equipment operation.

Foot	Duration
RIGHT	
LEFT	
BOTH	0

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES:

Time Spent:	Inside:	100%	Outside:	0%
Temperature:	Normal:	Ambient		
Humidity:	Low:	Ambient	High:	
Atmosphere:	Fumes:	none		
	Odors:	None		
	Dust:	Minimal dust		
	Gas:	None		
Noise:	85-95dBA			

Special Hazards:

Hazard	Description
Mechanical Hazards	Moving chains and machinery, falling lumber
Electrical	None
Chemical	None
Explosive	None
Radiation	None
Burn	Space heaters
Slip and fall	Slippery work surfaces due to poor housekeeping, tripping hazards due to poor housekeeping
Heat stress	During hot season. Rehydration and climate control rooms provided

DOCTOR'S COMMENTS

The worker may resume regular, unrestricted activity as of (date) _____

Doctor's Signature _____ Date _____

****date of release is same as Physician's signature unless specified as different above**