

SDS Lumber LLC.  
Planer Operator Job Analysis (**JA**)

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

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**Name:**

### **GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION**

The Planer Operator monitors the dry, rough lumber as it flows from tilt hoist automatically into the Planer. Using a series of buttons/switches, operator can start/stop different chain sections as needed. Watch to ensure no hang ups or upsets occur and must sort out broken or undesired wood so that it does not become stuck in the Planer. This position is responsible for keeping the Planer going which includes, activating a product change, making minor adjustments from console, and knowing the procedure for removing broken boards and restarting (Don't enter planer room while planer is running). Operators must make sure that the chain stays full, and the lumber is flowing straight. If an upset condition were to occur, the operator must follow the proper procedure to remove the upset condition in a safe, 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.

### **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 the tool used per shift.

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

<b>Tool/Equip</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>Occasionally</b>	<b>Frequently</b>	<b>Constantly</b>
Pry Bar		X		

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Picaroon		X	
Pike Pole		X	

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

Task	%	Task	%
Sit	0-5	Reach above shoulder	0
Stand	95	Crawl	0-5
Walk	95	Kneel	10-15
Lift	25	Drive	0-5
Squat	0-10	Climb-Ladders or Stairs	35
Bend-full spinal range of motion	0-5	Twist-full spinal range of motion	0-10
Pushing	15	Pulling	15-20

**WEIGHT REQUIRED TO BE LIFTED EACH NORMAL WORKDAY:**

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

Weight	Not Required	Occasionally	Frequently	Constantly
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 WORKDAY:**

Weight	Not Required	Occasionally	Frequently	Constantly
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:**

- 0-35# Represents weights of tools and pieces of lumber.
- 40# to 50# represents the weight of lumber being handled or force required to manipulate lumber

**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	Frequently	BOTH	Frequently	BOTH	Occasionally

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**USE OF FEET:**

For operation of machinery control pedals including equipment operation.

Foot	Duration
RIGHT	
LEFT	
BOTH	Occasionally

**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**