

BRIAN KESSLER

MANUFACTURING SUPERVISOR

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SUMMARY

Manufacturing Supervisor with 7 years in metal and furniture manufacturing, 5 of them supervising crews of up to 28 on machining and assembly lines. Applies lean manufacturing, 5S and kaizen to cut waste, and runs production in SAP with reports in Excel and PowerPoint. Brought on-time delivery from 88% to 97% in 2025.

SKILLS

- Lean Manufacturing
- Kaizen
- 5S
- Standard Work
- SAP
- OEE
- CNC Machining
- Excel
- PowerPoint
- Leadership

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

05/2019

Grand Valley State University
Allendale, MI

Product Design and
Manufacturing Engineering

CERTIFICATES

Certified Six Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB)

10/2022

American Society for Quality
(ASQ)

OSHA 30-Hour General Industry

04/2021

OSHA Outreach Training
Program

EXPERIENCE

Manufacturing Supervisor

03/2023 - Present

Grand River Office Systems

Grand Rapids, MI

Office furniture maker with 600 employees and a 400,000-square-foot plant.

- Manage **28** operators and 2 leads across CNC machining and final assembly on first shift.
- Lifted on-time delivery from 88% to 97% in 2025 by leveling the schedule and adding a daily tier meeting.
- Led 6 kaizen events with maintenance and quality, removing 1,900 feet of walking per shift in assembly.
- Track labor, scrap and output in SAP and review weekly numbers with the plant manager in PowerPoint.

Production Supervisor

06/2021 - 02/2023

Kent County Precision Parts

Wyoming, MI

Tier 2 automotive machining supplier with 22 CNC machines.

- Ran second shift with **18** machinists on 22 CNC machining centers and lathes, averaging 82% OEE.
- Cut scrap cost by \$140,000 a year by adding in-process gauging at 5 machines.
- Wrote 30 standard work sheets and trained each operator before sign-off on a new job.
- Partnered with HR on attendance coaching, bringing shift absenteeism down from 9% to 5%.

Production Lead

08/2019 - 05/2021

Kent County Precision Parts

Wyoming, MI

First role after an engineering degree, on the machining floor.

- Coordinated **8** machinists on first shift and covered the supervisor during vacations.
- Organized 5S on 4 machine cells, raising audit scores from 58% to 90%.
- Prepared tooling and first-article packages for 12 new part launches.