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Press Brake Operator

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SUMMARY

Press Brake Operator with 4 years in metal fabrication, forming steel, stainless and aluminum parts on CNC press brakes up to 250 tons. Reads blueprints, selects punches and dies, and checks bends with calipers, micrometers and protractors, keeping first-article approval above 95% on short-run aerospace and ag equipment jobs.

SKILLS

Press Brake • Blueprint Reading • Calipers • Micrometers • Tape Measure • Precision Measuring Instruments
Tooling Setup • Forklift • Math Skills • Attention to Detail

EXPERIENCE

Press Brake Operator

02/2023 - Present

Air Capital Sheet Metal

Wichita, KS

Form sheet metal parts for aerospace ground equipment and agricultural machinery customers.

- Formed **300+** parts per shift on a 175-ton CNC press brake, holding bend angles within ± 0.5 degrees.
- Completed tooling setup for 8 to 10 jobs a day through blueprint reading, using math skills to set each backgauge.
- Inspected first articles with calipers, micrometers and other precision measuring instruments, reaching 96% approval in 2025.
- Trained 2 new operators on tooling changes and safe hand placement, with no injuries on the brake line since 2023.

Production Worker

06/2022 - 01/2023

Sunflower Trailer Works

Newton, KS

Cut and fitted steel parts on a livestock trailer assembly line.

- Sheared and deburred steel blanks to tape measure dimensions, supplying 4 welders through each shift.
- Moved bundles of sheet and finished frames by forklift, keeping the cut cell stocked for 7 months.
- Checked every part size against the cut list and flagged 20+ errors before the parts went to the welders.
- Organized and cleaned the shear area at every shift end, passing all 28 weekly safety walks without a finding.

EDUCATION

Certificate

05/2022

WSU Tech

Wichita, KS

Manufacturing Technology

CERTIFICATES

OSHA 10-Hour General Industry

WSU Tech

04/2022