BRIAN KOWALSKI

SENIOR PRODUCTION PLANNER

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SKILLS

- Production Planning
- SAP
- Oracle
- Scheduling
- Capacity Planning
- Sales and Operations Planning
- Microsoft Excel
- PowerPoint
- Communication Skills
- Problem-Solving Skills

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Business Administration

05/2017

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Milwaukee, WI

Supply Chain and Operations Management

CERTIFICATES

Certified in Planning and Inventory Management (CPIM)

10/2019

ASCM (APICS)

SUMMARY

Senior production planner with 9 years in industrial equipment and packaging plants, using SAP and Oracle to plan high-mix, low-volume builds. Owns production planning for a $140M gearbox line, coaches junior planners, and uses communication skills to keep sales, purchasing and the shop floor working from one plan.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Production Planner 02/2022 - Present

Cream City Industrial Drives Milwaukee, WI

Senior planner for gearbox and drive assembly at a 900-employee equipment manufacturer.

- Own the master build plan in SAP for a **$140M** gearbox line with 1,200 active configurations.
- Lead the monthly sales and operations planning review, matching forecast to capacity for 4 assembly cells.
- Cut past-due orders from 210 to 45 in 12 months by resequencing scheduling around bottleneck machining centers.
- Coach 3 planners on SAP planning transactions, Microsoft Excel models and exception handling.

Production Planner 05/2018 - 01/2022

Northshore Packaging Machinery Kenosha, WI

Planner at a builder of custom packaging machines for food and beverage customers.

- Scheduled 30 to 40 engineered machine builds a year in Oracle, from kitting through factory acceptance tests.
- Created capacity planning dashboards in Microsoft Excel that flagged weld shop overloads 6 weeks ahead.
- Partnered with engineering on late design changes, protecting ship dates on 92% of builds.
- Prepared PowerPoint schedule reviews for monthly customer project meetings.

Production Control Coordinator 06/2017 - 04/2018

Lakefront Flexible Films Racine, WI

Coordinator at a printed film converting plant.

- Released 120 printing and laminating work orders a week after confirming film and ink availability.
- Grouped orders by ink color on 3 presses, using problem-solving skills to cut weekly changeovers from 14 to 10.
- Tracked film and ink usage in Microsoft Excel and warned purchasing of shortages 5 days ahead.