Austin Briggs

SHOP WELDER

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Certificates

AWS Certified Welder - D1.1 FCAW 3G
American Welding Society
03/2022

Skills

GMAW • SMAW • FCAW
GTAW • Weld Symbols
Welding Techniques
Plasma Cutting • Overhead Crane
Accuracy • Attention to Detail

Summary

Shop Welder with 5 years in fabrication shops building truck bodies, hoppers and frames in the Wichita area. Runs GMAW, FCAW and SMAW in flat, horizontal and vertical positions, with GTAW on stainless repair work. Reads weld symbols quickly and holds accuracy within 1/16 inch on finished assemblies, with attention to detail on every fit-up.

Experience

Shop Welder 07/2023 - Present
Air Capital Truck Bodies Wichita, KS
Builder of dump bodies and service bodies with 90 employees.

- Build dump body floors, side walls and hoist mounts with GMAW and FCAW, completing **3** bodies a week.
- Cut and bevel plate on a CNC table, plasma cutting about 4 tons of steel a month.
- Handle heavy subassemblies with a 5-ton overhead crane and rigging under the shop safety plan.
- Repair stainless steel water tanks with GTAW, returning 20 customer units to service in 2025.

Welder 09/2021 - 06/2023
Flint Hills Ag Fabrication Newton, KS
Custom fabricator of hoppers, chutes and feed equipment.

- Fabricated hoppers and augers from 10-gauge to 3/8-inch steel using SMAW and GMAW.
- Interpreted weld symbols on 200+ shop drawings, asking engineering to correct 9 conflicts.
- Adapted welding techniques for galvanized and painted repair parts, cutting rework 30%.

Welding Lab Assistant 01/2021 - 08/2021
WSU Tech Wichita, KS
Part-time student job in the college welding lab.

- Prepared 18 welding booths for evening classes 4 nights a week.
- Tracked consumable inventory and reordered wire and rod within a $3,000 term budget.
- Demonstrated SMAW and GMAW setup to first-term students under the lead instructor.

Education

Technical Certificate 08/2021
WSU Tech Wichita, KS
Welding