JAMAL WHITAKER

SWITCHMAN

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SKILLS

- Railcar Switching
- Switch Lining
- Hand Signals
- Two-Way Radio Communication
- Coupling and Uncoupling
- Air Brake Tests
- Car Inspections
- Hazmat Railcars
- Forklift Operation
- Attention to Detail

EDUCATION

High School Diploma

05/2022

Ross S. Sterling High School

Baytown, TX

SUMMARY

Switchman with 1.5 years at an industrial terminal railroad serving 4 chemical plants, switching up to 90 railcars a shift after 3 years of warehouse work. Lines switches, sets hand brakes, runs air brake tests and directs the locomotive operator through every move with hand signals and two-way radio communication.

EXPERIENCE

Switchman 03/2025 - Present

Gulf Coast Terminal Railway — Baytown, TX

Industrial switching railroad moving tank, hopper and covered cars between a Class I interchange and 4 chemical plants on the Houston Ship Channel.

- Classify **60–90** railcars per 12-hour shift, handling switch lining and blocking for 2 daily Class I interchanges.
- Direct shoving moves with hand signals and two-way radio communication, with zero run-through switches in 19 months.
- Perform coupling and uncoupling, hand brake checks and air brake tests on about 40 loaded and empty cars a shift.
- Complete car inspections on hazmat railcars, reporting 25+ defects such as leaking valves and missing placards.

Warehouse Associate 06/2022 - 02/2025

Bayou City Distribution — Houston, TX

Third-party distribution center shipping about 1,200 retail and industrial orders a day from a 300,000-square-foot building.

- Operated forklifts and pallet jacks to load 12–15 trailers per shift with 99.8% accuracy.
- Checked inbound freight against bills of lading and logged damage reports for about 30 loads a week.
- Followed lockout and dock safety rules as the team reached 900 days without a recordable injury.
- Trained 3 new associates on scanner use, load securement and trailer loading patterns during their first 2 weeks.

CERTIFICATES

Hazardous Materials Training (49 CFR 172.704) 04/2025

Gulf Coast Terminal Railway

Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) Training 03/2025

Gulf Coast Terminal Railway

Forklift Operator Certification 07/2022

Bayou City Distribution