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WELDER II

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Summary

Welder II with 5 years of production welding on aluminum and steel frames for packaging and food-processing machines. Holds AWS D1.1 and D1.2 qualifications, reads weld symbols and blueprints without supervision, and runs GTAW, GMAW and FCAW. Trains new entry-level hires and checks each new welder's first parts with attention to detail.

Skills

- **GTAW**
- **GMAW**
- **FCAW**
- **AWS D1.1**
- **Weld Symbols**
- **Blueprints**
- **Aluminum**
- **Mechanical Aptitude**
- **Hand Tools**
- **Attention to Detail**

Experience

Welder II 04/2024 - Present

Cream City Packaging Systems Milwaukee, WI

Manufacturer of conveyors and packaging machines with 220 employees.

- Build aluminum and stainless conveyor frames with GTAW and GMAW, finishing **18** frames a week.
- Interpret weld symbols and blueprints for 40+ part numbers, flagging 12 drawing errors to engineering in 2025.
- Train 4 entry-level welders on fixtures, torch angles and visual inspection during the first 90 days.
- Complete rush and rework welding assignments, shipping 95% by the promised date.

Welder I 03/2022 - 03/2024

Cream City Packaging Systems Milwaukee, WI

Promoted to Welder II after 2 years on the frame line.

- Tacked and welded carbon steel machine bases using FCAW on a 2-shift line of 14 welders.
- Measured parts with squares, tapes and calipers, keeping rework under 3% for 6 straight quarters.
- Tuned wire feed settings and fixed feeder jams on the spot, using mechanical aptitude to limit downtime.

Welding Helper 06/2021 - 02/2022

Lakeshore Metal Fab West Allis, WI

Job shop for railings and custom steel parts.

- Prepped steel railing parts with hand tools, grinders and a cold saw for 3 welders.
- Loaded finished railings for 30+ deliveries a month and checked counts against packing lists.
- Stocked wire, rod and gas cylinders, reordering before any welder ran short.

Education

Technical Diploma 05/2021

Milwaukee Area Technical College Milwaukee, WI

Welding

Certificates

AWS Certified Welder - D1.1 Structural Steel 06/2022

American Welding Society

AWS Certified Welder - D1.2 Aluminum 09/2024

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