

Machine Operator

Position Summary:

The Equipment Operator's primary responsibilities include operating and maintaining various types of heavy equipment; could include typical backhoe, trackhoe, bucket loaders, as well as a variety of specialty rail maintenance equipment. Previous railroad construction and maintenance experience is helpful, but not required. Must have a working knowledge construction equipment and a desire to learn new equipment and skills. The Equipment Operator will report direct to a foreman.

General Duties:

- Operate specialized heavy equipment
- Maintain heavy equipment by performing pre-shift inspections, cleaning, adding lubricants and fuel, and documenting all activity performed on said piece of equipment.
- Perform light duty mechanical repairs (hoses, fittings, wiring, fuses, etc.)
- Must be able to read, understand and evaluate written documents and drawings.
- Perform construction tasks.
- Work in remote locations
- Should be capable of becoming a certified rigger.
- Participate in team safety meeting
- Reporting equipment or tool damage or deficiencies immediately to Supervisor
- Comply with railroad and site specific safety and operating rules
- Other duties may be assigned

Job Requirements/Qualifications:

- Previous equipment operating experience is preferred
- Previous Railroad experience is desired but not mandatory
- Must have mechanical abilities
- 18 years of age or older
- Ability to work from written and verbal instructions
- Must be able to work with a team, take direction from supervisors, adhere to work schedules, focus attention on details, and follow work rules.
- Drivers license required; CDL or CDL eligible preferred
- Able to work multiple shifts and overtime as required
- Must be able to work in varying weather conditions
- Must be willing to travel (travel requirement could be 50-70%)
- Must be willing to submit to and be able to pass a drug screen
- Maintain a good attendance record
- Must be able to pass a background check, e-rail safe and on-track safety
- Willing to wear required PPE (personal protective equipment)
- Must show respect to the public while travelling and performing duties as outlined.
- High School or GED

- Equipment Operators will be required to join the local union. Associated health and welfare benefits will be available to all Equipment Operator Union members
- Construction experience preferred. Specific to railroad desirable.

Physical Requirements:

- Must be willing and capable to work any shift, including weekends.
- Must have ability to work at heights, as well as climbing stairs, lift up to 80 pounds, and work in hot or cold environments.
- Lifts approximately 50-100 lbs. occasionally
- Lifts approximately 0-50 lbs. unassisted regularly
- Work outdoors in sometimes noisy, safety sensitive environment.
- Stand and walk for extended periods of time

This job description is representative of the job: however, it in no way states or implies that these are the only duties a person may be required to perform. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or is an essential function of the position.

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