



Heavy Equipment Operator

Description

The heavy equipment operator uses various pieces of hydraulic and heavy equipment to handle and process and sort scrap iron and metals, including but not limited to excavators, front-end wheel loaders, and material handlers. He/she is responsible for operating and maintaining various machines to ensure the efficient running of production. The equipment operator must be reliable, possess great attention to detail, be able to multi-task, and must adhere to all safety standards pertaining to his/her position. He/she must also be a team player, as all tasks will require close collaboration with co-workers.

Disclaimer

The statements below are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by members assigned to this job classification. They are not intended to be interpreted as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel in this position.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Process and sort scrap metal according to foundry and mill requirements
- Feed the necessary material to semi-automated machines
- Unload scrap metal from both customer and company vehicles
- Provide exceptional customer service. Direct customers to the appropriate location and/or individuals, assist with unloading material, and help answer questions
- Ensure incoming material is safe and does not contain hazardous or unacceptable items
- Assist with the loading of company vehicles
- Perform routine inspection, cleaning, and preventive maintenance (including maintenance logs) on assigned equipment, notifying the supervisor or mechanic of any major defects or needed repairs
- Examine equipment performance/output to discover any machine-related mistakes or flaws, addressing any issues that may have occurred during the shift
- Ensure heavy equipment is safely and securely stored at the end of the shift
- Perform all duties in conformance to appropriate safety and security standards
- General labor duties that may include but are not limited to: shoveling, and general clean-up of any area, and physical handling of materials, supplies, etc.
- Must be at work consistently and on time



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Minimum Qualifications

Education

High School Diploma or Equivalent

Work Experience

Minimum 1 Year Proven Experience Operating Hydraulic Excavators
Experience in Sorting Scrap Metals is a Plus

Skills and Knowledge

- Attention to Detail
- Ability to Multi-Task in a Fast-Paced Work Environment
- Strong Work-Ethic and Self-Motivation
- Must Be Able to Understand and Carry out Written and Oral Instructions
- Teamwork and Excellent Communication/Listening Skills
- A Positive Attitude and Willingness to Learn
- Basic Understanding of Scrap Metal Production Procedures and Specifications a Plus
- Dependable and Consistent Attendance Record
- Ability to Work Sitting, Standing, or Walking for Up to 8 Hours Per Day
- Must Pass a Drug Test, Physical, and Basic Background Check

Working Conditions

This position carries out its duties outside in all weather conditions—both in extreme heat and extreme cold. Conditions can be dirty, wet, or humid, and work is frequently performed near moving mechanical parts and scrap metal; therefore, protective gear such as safety boots, safety glasses, coveralls, and gloves are to be worn. Must be able to work sitting, standing, walking, and occasionally climbing for up to 8 hours per day in all weather conditions.



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