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Personal Profile

A self-motivated and quality-driven professional with excellent general print, packaging, graphics and artwork skills. Seen by management as a dedicated, hardworking team player, with a broad knowledge of the print industry. I have over 15 years of experience, gained across many high profile accounts and have consistently demonstrated an ability to maintain high levels of detail, whilst achieving print deadlines.

Skills

- Strong communication and listening skills
- · Technical and software knowledge. Proficient in Illustrator, Photoshop and the Adobe Suite
- · Team player with own initiative and supervisory skills

Employment History

Dec 2020 - Present

F.G. Curtis Packaging Sustainable Packaging



- · Trapping and imposing files ready for plate making using Artpro.
- Prepare artwork for emboss and foiling.
- · Support for the presses.

April 2018 – Dec 2020

Bakers Labels Trade Self Adhesive Label Printer

Digital Print Finisher

 Operating ABG Digicon Series 3 web finishing machine. Taking digitally printed work from inkjet and HP Indigo through web guide, Corona with either a variety of finishes matt varnish, gloss, deadener etc. Laminating then die cut with waste removal, camera inspection and slitting to form finished reels on new cores to required amounts on a turret

Fully trained on a web rewinder with camera inspection

Aug 2017 - Oct 2018

JPG Jupiter Prestige Group Retail, Food and General Merchandising Packaging



Repro & Artwork Operator

Returned to previous employer. My role was a mixture of repro and artwork.

Mar 2017 - July 2017

Konica Minolta Digital Document Workflow Provider Multi-Function Devices

Service Technician

- Built bespoke multi-functional print machines tailored to the clients exact business requirements
- · Installed secure managed print service security protocols and configured remote access credentials
- Performed fault finding and diagnosis services inclusive of troubleshooting, mechanical and digital performance tests to determine route cause and remedy
- · Worked as part of a large business systems repair team to ensure the workshop ran smoothly
- · Demonstrated business value through awareness of alternative solutions and innovative thinking

Nov 2005 – Feb 2017

JPG Jupiter Prestige Group (Brand Packaging Services) Retail, Food and General Merchandising

Packaging Repro Operator

- Provided trapped final print-ready files for Litho, Gravure, Flexo and Dry offset using Illustrator CC, Esko products and Artpro workflows.
- Prepared accurate repro from approved artworks against client design and internal briefs.
- Created print ready artwork for packaging to meet production requirements.



- Carried out amendments and proof checks on existing repro work ensuring high-quality standards were maintained at all times.
- Collaborated and liaised with key staff internally to maintain high qualities of work whilst meeting client and print deadlines.
- Provided supervisory cover during holiday periods to ensure the smooth operation of the Southend reprographics department.
- Participated in client-facing repro demonstrations to help the client better understand the role of repro in the design and production process of their packaging.

Mar 2005 - Oct 2005

Keenes Reprographics Reprographics Support to the National Newspaper and Media Industry

Advertising Specification Operator

- Pre-print checked and soft proofed advertisements to ensure they met with the clients' specifications in colour, UCR, GCR, profiles and postscript standards.
- Forwarded print-ready works in the relevant specification to the client newspaper or magazine for publication.
- · Ensured technical reproduction guidelines and best practice standards were adhered to at all times.
- · Worked as part of a team as well as on own initiative.

Oct 2003 – Feb 2005 World Traveller Various Activities

Spent a Ski Season working as a kitchen porter for First Choice in Austria. Travelled to Canada working as a carpet cleaner in my brother's company. Travelled around the USA, Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia.

Mar 2003 - Sep 2003

Global Print Services Variable Data Digital Printing

Digital Print Operator

- · Readied artwork for variable data print process with Creo Darwin.
- Prepared and ripped files for digital Xerox 2045 print press with Cero Spire Rip.
- · Checking and maintaining the quality of the finished prints.

May 2000 - Mar 2003

Repro-factory Design and Print Solutions

Freelance Consultant & Operator

- Managed and overseen the Computer to Plate transition.
- · Provided hands-on technical and reprographics troubleshooting across a variety of systems and workloads.
- Developed new and innovative working practices to aid and increase the production of print plates.

Mar 1998 - May 2000

Perivan Colour Print High-quality Financial Print

Reprographics Operator

- Supervised the smooth running of shift handover and delegation of work to the appropriate operators.
- Prepared final print-ready confidential company reporting accounts and contracts which had to be accurate and of high quality.
- · General system administration and back up of daily workloads.
- Played a pivotal role in the upgrade to computer to plate system enabling the entire business to run digitally from proofs to computer to plate.
- Liaison at all levels both internally and externally for the smooth running of a busy print provider.

Education

Sweyne Comprehensive School, Rayleigh, Essex / Seevic Hadleigh, Essex.

City & Guilds Level 2 in Computer Networking, 10 GCSE's, Full and Clean Driving license, Level 2 Dingy Sailing.

Interests

Music, Skiing, Movies, DIY, Computers, Travel and Sport. Charity work, website & media support for "Men's Shed Rayleigh Weir".