JULIAN MERCER

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Heavy Equipment Operator with 7+ years running excavators, dozers, and loaders on highway and site work. Moves earth to grade, inspects equipment daily, and leads small crews safely while meeting production targets.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Equipment Operator Mar 2023 - Present
Granite Construction, Watsonville, CA

- Direct a crew of five operators and laborers on highway grading and finish sections to GPS grade within the specified tolerance.
- Plan daily equipment assignments and haul routes with the foreman, which raised load counts by about 10% per shift.
- Hold pre-shift safety meetings and equipment walk-arounds, and our crew finished two seasons without a recordable injury.
- Coach new operators on dozer blade control and trench safety, and two have moved up to full-time machine seats.
- Track daily production quantities and fuel use for each machine and report to the superintendent, who used the numbers in bidding.

Heavy Equipment Operator Jun 2021 - Feb 2023

- Operated excavators, dozers, and wheel loaders on paving and utility projects and moved over 1,500 cubic yards on strong days.
- Completed daily inspections and fluid checks and flagged hydraulic leaks early, which avoided unplanned downtime on the job.
- Used GPS and grade control systems to cut rework on finish grading and reduce the number of survey checks required.
- Worked safely near live traffic and buried utilities, following the traffic control plan and locating marks on every job.
- Trained two new laborers as spotters and signal persons so that haul operations ran safely during busy shifts.

Equipment Operator Apr 2019 - May 2021
Kiewit, Omaha, NE

- Ran loaders and skid steers on a bridge approach project and kept material flowing to the paving crews throughout each day.
- Operated a backhoe for trenching and backfill on storm drain installation while meeting the required depth and slope.
- Performed routine greasing and maintenance on assigned machines, which reduced field repair calls during the project.
- Maintained logs of hours and fuel for each machine so the superintendent could track production costs against the budget.
- Learned stakes and grade checks from the surveyors and used that knowledge to cut overdig on trench work.

CORE SKILLS

Equipment operation | Excavators | Bulldozers | Wheel loaders | GPS grade control | Safety inspections | Trenching and excavation | Earthmoving | Site grading | Preventive maintenance | Traffic control awareness | Crew leadership | Load management | Utility locating

EDUCATION

Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operation, Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, SD

CERTIFICATIONS

OSHA 30-Hour Construction | Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class A | First Aid and CPR