

Maverick Thomas

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SUMMARY

Manufacturing and operations leader with experience guiding automated production environments, improving process reliability, and coordinating technical execution across production and engineering teams. Leads daily operations through **structured problem solving**, production data analysis, process documentation, and disciplined operational controls. Applies Lean Manufacturing, Six Sigma, **root cause analysis**, and continuous improvement methods to address performance issues, strengthen quality, and support safe production. Develops procedures that improve consistency, employee capability, and accountability across manufacturing workflows. Partners with engineering and production stakeholders on equipment optimization, corrective actions, standard work, and operational priorities. Brings practical experience with **manufacturing performance metrics**, quality requirements, and **production systems**. Prepared to contribute steady leadership, thoughtful decisions, and measurable operational improvement within a demanding industrial manufacturing environment.

EXPERIENCE

Production Operations Manager January 2022 - Present
Midwest Manufacturing Solutions Peoria, Illinois

Leads daily manufacturing operations, production support, process controls, and improvement initiatives across an automated industrial environment. Coordinates production, engineering, and technical resources while connecting operational decisions with safety, quality, employee capability, and reliable business performance.

- Led daily **production execution** using operational data and **structured problem solving**, improving response to performance issues.
- Created standard procedures supporting consistent **manufacturing** execution, quality requirements, and disciplined **operational controls**.
- Analyzed **manufacturing performance metrics** with engineering partners, identifying practical opportunities for process and equipment improvement.
- Coordinated production resources, priorities, and technical activities across cross functional support teams.
- Applied **continuous improvement** methods to strengthen workflow reliability, employee capability, and operational consistency.
- Supported safety, quality, and compliance objectives through disciplined management of production systems and operating practices.

Operations Specialist June 2019 - December 2021
Previous Manufacturing Solutions Group Madison, Wisconsin

Supported manufacturing initiatives through production analysis, issue investigation, **process documentation**, and coordination with technical stakeholders. Contributed to standard work, corrective actions, equipment improvement, and reporting processes that helped production teams make informed operational decisions.

- Reviewed production data and investigated manufacturing issues, helping teams identify practical corrective action priorities.
- Used analytical methods to evaluate process concerns and recommend improvements for quality and operational consistency.
- Maintained production records and reports supporting operational decisions, performance reviews, and improvement planning.
- Assisted technical teams with equipment, process, and **quality** improvement activities across manufacturing operations.
- Contributed to standard work development, strengthening process consistency and repeatable **production execution**.
- Communicated findings and project updates clearly with production, **engineering**, and operational stakeholders.

PROJECTS

Automated Production Improvement Program 📅 2024
Improved automated manufacturing workflow visibility through production data review, structured issue analysis, standard procedures, and coordination with engineering partners.

Operational Controls Documentation Initiative 📅 2023
Created practical operating documentation that supported consistent execution, quality expectations, employee capability, and disciplined production management.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Operational Excellence Recognition for meaningful contributions to manufacturing performance and disciplined production execution.
- Continuous Improvement Achievement recognizing practical process improvements, issue resolution, and stronger operational consistency.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Manufacturing Operations 2019
University of Wisconsin Madison GPA: 4.0 Madison, Wisconsin
Coursework: Lean Manufacturing, Operations Management, Quality Systems, Industrial Engineering

CERTIFICATIONS

- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt 📅 2024
- Continuous Improvement Achievement 📅 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Lean Methods:** Lean Manufacturing, Kaizen, Six Sigma
- **Production Operations:** Production Planning, Production Execution, Workflow Control
- **Manufacturing Processes:** Burn to Shape, Parts Nesting, Metal Bending
- **Machining Operations:** Milling, Drilling, Automated Machining
- **Quality Systems:** Quality Management Systems, Quality Control, Corrective Actions
- **Performance Analysis:** Production Metrics, Data Analysis, Performance Reporting
- **Problem Solving:** Root Cause Analysis, Structured Problem Solving, Issue Investigation
- **Process Documentation:** Standard Work, Operating Procedures, Process Records
- **Safety Management:** Safety Standards, Compliance Controls, Safe Operations
- **Operations Leadership:** Employee Development, Resource Coordination, Stakeholder Communication

SKILLS

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| • Lean Manufacturing | • Data Analysis | • Quality Management | • Manufacturing Metrics |
| • Continuous Improvement | • Process Documentation | • Production Systems | • Employee Development |
| • Six Sigma | • Root Cause Analysis | • Kaizen | • Engineering Coordination |
| • Production Operations | • Operational Excellence | • Safety Standards | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Manufacturing Improvement Association Member, maintaining connection with practical production improvement methods and industry peers.
- Professional Development Mentor, supporting colleagues through thoughtful guidance, shared experience, and growth focused conversations.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST