



RONALD BEASLEY

Forklift Operator

Forklift operator and lead with 14 years across automotive parts, big-box retail DCs, and cold storage. Certified on every powered industrial truck class except very narrow aisle, with a documented zero-incident record over the last 6 years. Run pre-shift safety huddles, train new hires, and serve as the go-to operator for tight, heavy, or odd loads.

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EDUCATION

- OSHA POWERED INDUSTRIAL TRUCK CERTIFICATION (CLASSES I, II, III, IV, V), RENEWED 2024
- OSHA 10-HOUR GENERAL INDUSTRY, 2021
- TRAIN-THE-TRAINER CERTIFICATION, RAYMOND HANDLING CONCEPTS, 2022
- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, EAST CHICAGO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, EAST CHICAGO, IN, 2008

KEY SKILLS

- Sit-down counterbalance (Classes IV and V)
- Stand-up reach truck and double-pallet handler
- Order picker up to 32 feet
- Clamp, slip-sheet, and rotator attachments
- Cold storage and freezer operation
- Pre-shift inspections and lockout/tagout
- OSHA 1910.178 train-the-trainer
- Manhattan WMS, SAP EWM, iWarehouse telematics
- Trailer load planning and weight distribution
- Safety huddle facilitation
- Inventory cycle counting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEAD FORKLIFT OPERATOR | RIDGEWAY COLD STORAGE, JOLIET, IL | 2020 - PRESENT

- Coordinate a team of 8 operators across two shifts in a -10°F freezer; team moves around 1,400 pallets per day.
- Cut blue-tag damage incidents by 41% in 2023 by retraining crews on slow-stop technique and rack approach angles.
- Operate stand-up reach trucks at 32-foot rack heights and double-pallet handler for staging full trailer loads.
- Run weekly safety huddles and lead OSHA refresher training for 22 operators on the floor.
- Liaise with maintenance on the Raymond fleet; flagged a recurring mast issue that led to a manufacturer service bulletin.

FORKLIFT OPERATOR, OUTBOUND DOCK | CASCADE HOME GOODS DC, AURORA, IL | 2016 - 2020

- Loaded 22-26 outbound trailers per shift for store replenishment across 140 retail locations.
- Maintained a pick-to-load accuracy rate of 99.8% on a 4-month rolling average.
- Trained 11 new operators on sit-down, reach, and order picker equipment.
- Served on the safety committee and helped redesign dock plate procedures after a near-miss incident.

FORKLIFT OPERATOR | TRI-STATE AUTO PARTS, GARY, IN | 2013 - 2016

- Moved engine blocks, transmissions, and bulk steel coils using sit-down counterbalance and clamp attachment.
- Unloaded inbound rail cars and flatbeds, including over-dimensional freight requiring two-operator coordination.
- Performed daily inspections on a fleet of 14 lifts and tagged 3 units out of service over my tenure.
- Earned propane and LP gas changeout certification.

WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATE / LIFT OPERATOR | NORTHGATE BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTION, HAMMOND, IN | 2010 - 2013

- Started as a picker and was promoted to lift operator within 9 months.
- Pulled keg and case orders for 60+ on-premise accounts using electric pallet jack and stand-up rider.

- Helped roll out new RF scanner system, including writing the cheat sheet used during go-live.