Finishing Machine Operator (Class II & Class I)

The positions of Utility, Machine Operator Class II and Machine Operator Class I operate machine tools to machine bearings to specifications. They may work any of several assignments that machine bearings of different sizes and types, including Cell, Phenolic, Metal Preparation, Cincinnati, Victor, and Sigma, among others. They may work alone or with a partner. The Utility position is entry-level and the Machine Operator Class I is the most experienced. Usually, the same person operates the same machine, depending on orders. The machine operators are expected to be able to operate any of the machines as dictated by orders and labor availability.

DOT Code:	600.380-018
DOT Title:	Machine Set-Up Operator
Job Title:	Utility, Machine Operator Class I & II

Education: High School Diploma or equivalent

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Sets up and operates machine tools such as lathes, boring machines, chamfer machines, band saws, drill presses, milling machines, and grinders to machine parts to specifications.
- Ensures quality of production. Visually inspects finished products for defects.
- Performs work with/assists other Machine Operators, Utility, Machine Operator Team Leader(s) and Machinist.
- Completes required paperwork. Completes time sheet, Scrap Reports, withdrawal slips, and tags as necessary. Documents reason(s) for scrap.
- Cleans/maintains work area. Ensures work area is clean and stocked at end of shift. Uses lift truck/tow motor as necessary.
- Trains new associates.
- Performs other work as assigned by the supervisor or as necessary.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Producing a high quality product
- Meeting production goals while avoiding scrap
- Adhering to safety standards
- Maintaining a well kept work area

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WORKING CONDITIONS AND EQUIPMENT:	
Tools/Equipment	 Micrometers (inside and outside) Calipers Allen wrenches, Crescent wrenches, etc. Indicators, Indicator box Hammers, Mallets Knives Calculators Pencils Files Chip Hook Pliers, Needlenose pliers Temperature gauge
Working Conditions	The environment consists of some loud noises from the machining of parts, however ear protection is not required. It can be slightly dusty from boring rubber and machining Phenolic parts, however most machines are equipped with vacuums to control this dust. Some jobs have exposure to coolant.
Hazards	 Heavy objects Hot chips from machine Sharp tools Sharp edges on parts Moving parts on machines Slippery floor from coolant
Safety Equipment	 Gloves Ear protection Wrist supports Safety glasses (required) Metatarsals (required) Face mask/shield or goggles (required when using coolant or grinding)
Physical Demands	 Depending upon the assignment, the job is generally not machine paced. The Machine Operator may have natural breaks especially when machining large parts. Cell: Lift up to 5 lbs. From table to machine and back up to 300 times/day. Cincinnati: Lift up to 53 lbs. from floor to machine and back up to 60 times/day. Lift chuck up to 78 lbs. from table to machine and back up to 3 times/day. Lift center core up to 40 lbs. from table to machine and back up to 3 times/day. Uses sling and hoist on some job assignments.

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WORK PERFORMED:

I. Operates lathes, boring machines, chamfer machines, band saws, grinder, milling machines and drill press to machine parts to specifications.

A. Sets up machine.

- 1. Reads blueprint and order to determine specifications.
- 2. Retrieves appropriate parts to correctly set up machine such as appropriately sized chucks, center cores, boring bar, etc. Lifts chucks, boring bars, and center cores weighing up to 78 pounds onto machine at chest height.
- 3. Adjusts machine. Sets stop guides. Adjusts speed, feed, taper, positioning and depth. Reads digital readout on machine to determine position, if available.
- 4. Runs test pass above O.D. dimensions and below I.D. dimensions. Checks measurements such as inner and outer diameter with micrometers and/or calipers. Compares measurements to specifications. Adjusts machine closer to specifications. Repeats as necessary.

B. Prepares part for machining.

- 1. Retrieves correct part. Reads code on blueprint. Retrieves part with matching code and/or part number. Uses lift truck, if necessary.
- 2. Chamfers inside edges of part, if necessary. Uses chamfer machine if necessary.
- 3. Cuts to length and/or trims excess rubber off ends, if necessary.

C. Loads part/stock in machine.

- 1. Places mandrel in part, if necessary. Uses mandrel loader, if necessary.
- 2. Places part or stock in machine. Lifts part up to 53 pounds onto machine. Uses hoist for heavier parts, if necessary.
- 3. Positions part in machine. Positions cutter or boring bar to begin machining. Attaches vacuum hose, if available.

D. Machines part.

- 1. Starts machine. Places shield in front of blade, if necessary.
- 2. Monitors part and machine while work is being done. Listens for sounds and vibrations that may indicate problem. Adjusts depth when diamond heats up, if necessary.
- 3. Finishes part. Uses file to chamfer outside, if necessary. Uses sandpaper to reduce taper, if necessary. Rubs oil or wax onto part, if required.
- 4. Cleans part. Uses brush or air nozzle to clean rubber dust from inside of part.

E. Removes part.

- 1. Removes part from machine. Uses hoist, if necessary.
- 2. Removes mandrel, if necessary.

F. Inspects finished parts.

- 1. Visually inspects part for defects such as blister, scratches, lamination, etc.
- 2. Uses micrometers, calipers, and guides to check the measurements of part. Compares to tolerances in specifications. Reworks part if it doesn't meet specifications.
- 3. Checks concentricity. Uses indicator to check concentricity. Compares to specifications.
- 4. Places finished part in appropriate container, if necessary.
- 5. Places part in box.
- G. Uses grinder to sharpen tools, if necessary.

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WORK PERFORMED (CONTINUED):

II. Performs work with others.

- A. Coordinates work as partner with other Machine Operators and Utility persons. Works as partner when performing "cell" job assignment.
- B. Assists/fills in for other Machine Operators as needed.

III. Completes required paperwork.

- A. Completes time sheet. Indicates job done by job code. Indicates amount of time spent (in tenths of hours) on each job.
- B. Completes Scrap Report. Indicates type of defect. Indicates if defect is due to machine error/operator error. Suggests how the defect might be avoided in the future.
- C. Completes withdrawal slips (metal preparation). Indicates amount of stock used. Writes beginning length and number of pieces.
- D. Completes tags indicating the part number, date and number of pieces.

IV. Cleans\maintains work area.

- A. Sweeps up work area at end of shift.
- B. Returns tools to appropriate areas. Returns micrometers to stock room.
- C. Cleans/maintains machine. Uses air nozzle to clean chuck. Brushes filings off machine. Places filings in disposal container. Oils machine.
- **D.** Empties scrap and filings containers.
- E. Retrieves parts to be machined. Removes finished parts to staging area. Uses lift truck/tow motor, if necessary.

V. Trains new associates.

- A. Gives instructions on job tasks to trainee. Demonstrates appropriate methods to trainee. Demonstrates machine setup to trainee. Monitors trainees performance.
- B. Demonstrates use of tools to trainee. Demonstrates use of micrometers, indicators, and calipers.
- VI. Performs other work as assigned by supervisor or as needed.

