

# Darren Des Jardin

## Production Manager

Highly accomplished strategical thinker and creative professional with a proven history of success in production and operations management. Adept at production planning, scheduling, coordinating and organizing the production and performance of manufacturing plants. Managing multiple initiatives simultaneously. High performance standards with attention to details in assuring that quality procedures, company policies and company culture are upheld while ensuring 100% customer satisfaction. Innovative solutions to the challenges of manufacturing environments.

## Experience

2010 to present      ETO Magnetic      Grand Rapids, MI

### Production Manager

- Lowered labor costs through efficiency improvements, line balancing and shared work content. Cost savings of \$52,000 against labor plan in 2013 and \$61,000 in 2014.
- Reduced scrap by .5% for \$150,000 savings in 2012.
- Planning and scheduling for \$15 million in sales with 12+ product lines and customers.
- Customers include Ford, GMAC, Bosch, INA and Jaguar.
- 96 hourly direct and indirect reports. 5 direct reports.
- Work with engineering, logistics and quality. Support the 8D process for customer complaints.
- Implement PM schedules, 5S standards, work instructions and standard procedures.
- Implemented materials pull system based on line output. Reduced warehouse transactions by 35% and inventory variances by 75%.

2009-2010      The Fischer Group      Grand Rapids, MI

### Customer Site Manager

- Lead inspection teams at customer manufacturing sites.
- Checked parts for quality and conformance against customer production schedules and needs.
- Used gauges and quality standards to identify product issues.

2006-2009      Knoll, Inc.      Muskegon, MI

### Production Supervisor

- Initiated productivity, cost and performance improvements.
- Wrote PM schedules, 5S standards, work instructions and standard procedures.
- Electronic KanBan resulting in \$90,000 cost savings.

1997-2005      Steelcase Wood, Inc.      Caledonia, MI

### Production Supervisor / Manufacturing Engineer / Inventory Control / Operator

- Conducted time studies on labor, machinery, processes and work flow.
- Checked BOM's, routings and blueprints for operational effectiveness
- Supervised all four manufacturing groups. Fabrication, paint, assembly and shipping.

## Education

B.S.BA.      Aquinas College      Grand Rapids, MI

Associates in Arts      GRCC      Grand Rapids, MI

## Key Skills

Continuous Improvement, Labor Efficiencies, Production Planning, Lean Manufacturing, Material Flow-Inventory, Consistency, Accountability, Staff Development, Training, Report Preparation, Policies, Procedures, Employee Handbooks, Cost Reductions and Customer Satisfaction.

