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SUMMARY

Class A CDL driver with four years of tractor trailer and foodservice delivery experience across local routes and high volume distribution operations. Completes safe, accurate touch freight deliveries for **restaurant customers** while coordinating with dispatch, receiving teams, and distribution staff. Handles refrigerated, frozen, and ambient products using lift gates, pallet jacks, and hand trucks, including repeated lifting of 75 or more pounds in coolers and freezers. Maintains pre trip and **post trip inspections**, DOT logs, delivery paperwork, return loads, and equipment control through route completion. Communicates clearly about shortages, access issues, timing, and equipment concerns. Comfortable with **10 to 14 hour shifts**, nights, weekends, holidays, and home daily schedules. Brings dependable **customer service**, compliance discipline, and practical route judgment that support safe, accurate distribution.

EXPERIENCE

Class A CDL Driver May 2024 to Present
Metro Hearth Food Logistics Bensenville, IL

Supports **local foodservice distribution routes** with diesel tractor trailers, touch freight, multi temperature products, customer deliveries, return loads, and route records. Works independently across extended schedules while coordinating with dispatch and restaurant receiving teams.

- Completed local restaurant routes with diesel tractor trailers, returning daily after scheduled multi stop deliveries.
- Moved refrigerated, frozen, and ambient products using lift gates, **pallet jacks**, and **hand trucks**.
- Performed pre trip and **post trip inspections**, keeping equipment concerns visible before dispatch.
- Maintained **DOT logs** and **delivery paperwork** through route completion and end of shift reconciliation.
- Resolved shortages, returns, access issues, and arrival details with dispatch and restaurant personnel.
- Managed return loads and reusable equipment, verifying quantities before transport back to distribution.

CDL Delivery Driver June 2022 to April 2024
Lakeshore Cold Chain Transport Melrose Park, IL

Delivered temperature controlled food products on local and regional schedules while building reliable habits in inspection, documentation, touch freight handling, customer **communication**, and equipment protection. Supported safe service through **coolers**, freezers, traffic delays, and receiving constraints.

- Drove Class A tractor trailers on local delivery schedules carrying temperature controlled food products.
- Unloaded **touch freight** up to **75 pounds** using pallet jacks and hand trucks.
- Inspected tires, lighting, **lift gates**, and trailers before dispatch, escalating unsafe equipment concerns.
- Recorded signatures, returns, discrepancies, and DOT documentation for clean route reconciliation.
- Updated **dispatch** about traffic, receiving delays, and customer access concerns during delivery routes.
- Confirmed product placement and return items with receiving staff before leaving each stop.

PROJECTS

Temperature Controlled Route Operations 📅 2026
Applied practical route planning, lift gate handling, product protection, and delivery documentation habits across refrigerated and frozen foodservice stops.

Return Load Control Process 📅 2024
Built a consistent closeout routine for return loads, reusable equipment, quantities, paperwork, and secure transport back to distribution.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Safe Route Execution Recognition, Metro Hearth Food Logistics
- Reliable Delivery Documentation Recognition, Lakeshore Cold Chain Transport
- Customer Service Recognition for Clear Restaurant Communication

EDUCATION

High School Diploma 2022
East Leyden High School GPA: 3.0 Franklin Park, IL

Coursework: Driver safety, workplace communication, physical education, logistics fundamentals

CERTIFICATIONS

- Class A Commercial Driver's License, Illinois 📅 2022

- DOT Medical Card 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Commercial Driving:** Class A CDL, diesel tractor trailers, local route delivery
- **Foodservice Logistics:** restaurant delivery, distribution centers, touch freight
- **Material Handling:** lift gates, pallet jacks, hand trucks
- **Temperature Control:** refrigerated products, frozen products, ambient products
- **DOT Compliance:** DOT logs, medical card, duty status
- **Vehicle Inspections:** pre trip inspections, post trip inspections, equipment checks
- **Delivery Records:** delivery paperwork, signatures, discrepancy records
- **Return Handling:** return loads, reusable equipment, quantity verification
- **Route Operations:** dispatch coordination, local routes, daily home returns
- **Customer Communication:** restaurant receiving, access issues, delivery exceptions

SKILLS

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| • Class A CDL | • Foodservice Distribution | • Lift Gates | • Customer Service |
| • DOT Compliance | • Tractor Trailer Operation | • Pallet Jacks | • Dispatch Communication |
| • Local Delivery | • Vehicle Inspections | • Hand Trucks | • Delivery Documentation |
| • Touch Freight | • DOT Logs | • Return Loads | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Professional truck driver community participant focused on safe local delivery practices
- Foodservice distribution network participant supporting dependable customer delivery operations

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST