

River Zimmerman

Class A CDL Driver

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STRENGTHS

- Route Safety**
Pre trip checks became a dependable start point, helping keep vehicle concerns visible before local deliveries began.
- Freight Handling**
Repeated cooler and freezer stops built calm, controlled handling habits with pallet jacks and hand trucks.
- Customer Service**
Restaurant teams received clear updates on shortages, returns, access, and placement, keeping each stop practical.
- Compliance Records**
Accurate DOT logs and delivery paperwork kept route details easy for dispatch and receiving teams to verify.
- Dispatch Coordination**
When traffic or receiving delays shifted timing, clear calls helped preserve safe delivery decisions.

SKILLS

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

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

Metro Hearth Food Logistics May 2024 to Present 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

Lakeshore Cold Chain Transport June 2022 to April 2024 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

LANGUAGES

English	Native
Spanish	Intermediate

MY CAREER

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MONTHS

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

East Leyden High School GPA: 3.0 2022 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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST