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SUMMARY

Lead diesel and **fleet technician** with 11 years supporting **Class 7** and 8 tractors, trailers, forklifts, and shop equipment in demanding transportation operations. Directs daily assignments, technician coverage, training, parts ordering, vendor coordination, inspections, repairs, and safe equipment release. Performs advanced diagnostics, preventive maintenance, component repairs, rebuilds, brake inspections, vehicle inspections, and approved welding across mechanical, electrical, HVAC, suspension, drivetrain, and trailer systems. Holds ASE Master Medium/Heavy Truck certification, FMCSA Sections 396.25 and 396.19 qualifications, EPA Section 609 credentials, and a **valid driver's license**. Applies DOT, EPA, OSHA, manufacturer schedules, **computerized maintenance records**, and practical coaching to support dependable freight movement. Ready for afternoon, night, weekend, and varied weather operations, with a steady focus on safe execution and fleet availability.

EXPERIENCE

Lead Fleet Technician

January 2022 - Present

RiverCity Fleet Maintenance

Louisville, KY

Lead daily **shop operations** for an active freight fleet, assigning technicians, coordinating coverage, supporting training, ordering parts, managing vendors, and approving safe return of tractors, trailers, forklifts, and related equipment.

- Assigned technicians across **Class 7 tractors**, trailers, **forklifts**, inspections, and urgent repairs.
- Coached technicians on diagnostics, manufacturer schedules, safe access, and compliance practices.
- Ordered brake, suspension, HVAC, electrical, drivetrain, and trailer parts through **vendor relationships**.
- Performed advanced repairs and rebuilds, then verified DOT, EPA, and OSHA requirements.
- Completed FMCSA brake and vehicle inspections under Sections 396.25 and 396.19.
- Moved **trailers** with hostlers across **varied weather conditions**, reinforcing safe yard positioning.

Senior Diesel Technician

May 2019 - December 2021

Bluegrass Transport Services

Lexington, KY

Supported multi shift fleet maintenance for heavy duty tractors and **trailing equipment**, combining diagnostics, scheduled service, welding, forklift repairs, documentation, and technician mentoring for time sensitive freight operations.

- Diagnosed air brake, electrical, cooling, HVAC, suspension, and drivetrain faults using service information.
- Completed **preventive maintenance** and **adjustments** according to manufacturer schedules and shop procedures.
- Repaired trailer systems and forklifts with MIG, ARC, and **Oxy Acetylene** welding.
- Mentored newer technicians on lifting, vehicle access, brake **inspections**, tools, and defect escalation.
- Coordinated parts suppliers and shift leads before complex **repairs** entered teardown.
- Documented inspection findings and repair actions for maintenance history and compliance review.

Fleet Technician

August 2016 - April 2019

Derby Fleet Solutions

Elizabethtown, KY

Maintained diesel **tractors**, trailers, forklifts, and material handling equipment, using manufacturer procedures, diagnostic tools, maintenance records, and safe access practices to support commercial fleet serviceability.

- Inspected brakes, tires, lighting, coupling equipment, **suspension**, and fluid systems for defects.
- Repaired mechanical and electrical components using manuals, diagnostic tools, and computer records.
- Supported forklift maintenance and trailer repairs across **hydraulic**, electrical, structural, and rolling systems.
- Serviced vehicles in, on, and under equipment while following safe access practices.
- Recorded completed work, open defects, and parts needs for supervisor visibility.

Diesel Technician

June 2015 - July 2016

Hoosier Heavy Truck Service

Indianapolis, IN

Built foundational heavy duty service capability after diesel **technician training**, performing scheduled maintenance, component installation, computer documentation, welding, waste handling, and safe shop support.

- Performed oil services, filter changes, lubrication, brake adjustments, and tire **inspections**.
- Supported brake, cooling, electrical, exhaust, and suspension component installation projects.
- Reviewed service information and recorded repair steps through shop computer systems.
- Practiced approved **MIG** and **Oxy Acetylene** welding under experienced technician guidance.
- Maintained safe work areas while following **DOT**, EPA, and **OSHA** procedures.
- Documented parts consumed and maintenance actions for accurate service records.

PROJECTS

Fleet Safety Inspection Program 📅 2024

Created a practical inspection workflow linking FMCSA brake and vehicle qualifications with repair documentation, defect escalation, and safe equipment release. Clear records helped technicians focus on roadworthiness and helped supervisors see unresolved work sooner.

Shop Parts Coordination Workflow 📅 2023

Improved daily parts coordination across brake, suspension, HVAC, electrical, drivetrain, and trailer repairs. Supplier communication and advance planning helped technicians begin complex work with needed components available.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- ASE Master Medium/Heavy Truck Technician certification recognized advanced diagnostic and repair capability in 2023.
- Selected for lead fleet technician responsibility after consistent performance across inspections, repairs, scheduling, and technician support.
- Trusted by shop teams to coach safe equipment access, brake inspection practices, and defect escalation.

EDUCATION

Diploma in Diesel Technology

2015

Lincoln College of Technology GPA: 3.5

Indianapolis, IN

Coursework: Diesel engine service, heavy truck systems, brake systems, electrical diagnostics

CERTIFICATIONS

- ASE Master Medium/Heavy Truck Technician, T Series 📅 2023
- EPA Section 609 Refrigerant Certification 📅 2020
- FMCSA Brake Inspector Qualification, Section 396.25 📅 2023
- FMCSA Vehicle Inspector Qualification, Section 396.19 📅 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Diesel Equipment:** Class 7 tractors, Class 8 tractors, diesel engines
- **Fleet Maintenance:** Preventive maintenance, scheduled service, component repair
- **Brake Systems:** Air brakes, brake adjustments, FMCSA Section 396.25
- **Vehicle Inspections:** FMCSA Section 396.19, defect documentation, roadworthiness
- **Trailer Systems:** Trailing equipment, coupling systems, trailer repairs
- **Forklift Systems:** Forklift repair, hydraulic systems, material handling equipment
- **Diagnostics:** Electrical diagnostics, HVAC diagnostics, drivetrain diagnostics
- **Welding Methods:** MIG welding, ARC welding, Oxy Acetylene welding
- **Compliance Standards:** DOT requirements, EPA requirements, OSHA requirements
- **Maintenance Records:** Computerized maintenance records, service histories, repair documentation
- **Shop Operations:** Technician scheduling, training coordination, vendor management
- **Yard Equipment:** Hostler operation, trailer movement, equipment positioning

SKILLS

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| • Diesel Maintenance | • Forklift Repair | • Technician Supervision | • OSHA Safety |
| • Fleet Repairs | • Trailer Repair | • Hostler Operation | • Computer Skills |
| • Brake Inspection | • Parts Ordering | • DOT Compliance | • Welding |
| • Vehicle Inspection | • Vendor Management | • EPA Compliance | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- ASE professional certification community, Medium/Heavy Truck series.
- Fleet maintenance and transportation safety professional network.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST