

Press Operator Interview Questions

1. Share an experience in which your diligence of inspecting equipment, structures, or materials helped you identify a problem or the cause of a problem.

2. Share an experience in which you've successfully learned how to handle a new piece of equipment?

3. What method have you found effective when measuring and examining extruded products in order to locate defects, and to check for conformance to specifications; adjust controls as necessary to alter products?

4. What is the most challenging part of determining setup procedures and selecting machine dies and parts, according to specifications?

5. Tell me about a recent experience you've had working with your hands.

6. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you respond?

7. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last company.

8. Walk me through how you would adjust controls to draw or press metal into specified shapes and diameters.

9. Share an effective approach to install dies, machine screws, and sizing rings on machines that extrude thermoplastic or metal materials.

10. Describe an experience when you reeled extruded products into rolls of specified lengths and weights.

11. Provide a time when you dealt calmly and effectively with a high-stress situation.

12. Tell me how you weigh and mix pelletized, granular, or powdered thermoplastic materials and coloring pigments.

13. What have you found to be the best way to select nozzles, spacers, and wire guides, according to diameters and lengths of rods?

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14. What is the most challenging part of operating shearing mechanisms to cut rods to specified lengths?

15. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best solution to a problem.

16. Provide a time when you worked in a rapidly evolving workplace. How did you deal with the change? (Make sure the candidate is flexible.)

17. Name a time when your patience was tested. How did you keep your emotions in check?

18. Share a time when you willingly took on additional responsibilities or challenges. How did you successfully meet all of the demands of these responsibilities? (Make sure the candidate is a self-starter and can demonstrate some initiative.)

19. What kind of experience do you have testing physical properties of products with testing devices such as acid-bath testers, burst testers, and impact testers?

20. How do you balance cooperation with others and independent thinking? Share an example. (Try to determine if the candidate has a cooperative attitude or is otherwise good-natured.)