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PROFILE - Expert Independent Vehicle Inspection & Appraisal Professional

Seasoned professional and effectual vehicle inspector with a proven ability to provide exceptional and unbiased inspection results:

- 25 Years of automotive service, heavy equipment maintenance, and inspection services
- Automotive technology instructor of engine, electrical, suspension and braking systems
- Vehicle body, interior, mechanical and electrical troubleshooting expert
- Qualified in both Illinois and Missouri Courts as an Expert Vehicle Inspector and Appraiser
- Member of several automotive and community-based associations

EMPLOYMENT - Experienced

July 2009 - Current

Principle & Senior Consultant - Test Drive Technologies

Test Drive Technologies is a mobile vehicle inspection service company serving Saint Louis, Springfield, and Southern Illinois areas, designed to help used vehicle buyers make educated purchasing decisions by providing the consumer with the knowledge of the true overall vehicle condition.

- Performing hundreds of vehicle inspections on exotic, luxury, collector cars, and commercial vehicles yearly
- Appraising, researching and evaluation of used car, collector and antique vehicles, motorhomes as well as commercial vehicles
- Providing independent inspections in cases of warranty, lemon law, and misrepresentation
- Qualified in both Illinois and Missouri Courts as an Expert Vehicle Inspector and Appraiser

July 2014 - October 2015

Tire Care Service Manager / Facilities Maintenance Mgr - Loves Travel Stops

Daily duties associated with running a full-service mechanical diesel and tire shop including but not limited to day-to-day paperwork, parts, and supplies ordering, purchasing, inventory control and personnel management.

- Tire and wheel sales and installation as well as repairs
- Preventive maintenance
- General repairs such as suspension, brakes, steering, light engine and transmission, driveline and electrical repairs
- Roadside emergency breakdown repair

January 2013 - July 2014

Automotive & Diesel Technology Instructor - Vatterott College

Teach young inspiring automotive technicians the principles of automobile repair using the latest diagnostic equipment and repair methods in a shop environment.

- Automotive and Commercial Truck Hydraulic and Air Brake Systems Troubleshooting and Repair
- Suspension & Steering Systems Troubleshooting & Repair
- Engine Performance & Electronics Troubleshooting & Repair
- Transmission & Driveline Troubleshooting - Rebuild & Repair
- Heating & Cooling Troubleshooting & Repair

Sep 2005 - Oct 2010

Mobile Vehicle Inspector - AutoVIN Incorporated

- Represented Cars on Auction Block at Auto Auctions
- Performed 1500 lease return vehicle inspections with zero faults
- Provided pre-purchase and pre-sale vehicle inspections for eBay Escrow Services

Jan 2004 - Jul 2005

Maintenance Mgr. / Central Warranty Administrator - Beelman Truck Company

- Increased maintenance facility efficiency by 30%
- Supervised & trained technicians at 14 locations

Sep 1997 - Oct 2003

Vehicle Repair Technician - the United States Armed Forces

- Served 3 military active-duty deployments
- Inspected, troubleshoot, and repaired all types of light / heavy duty vehicles
- Full vehicle repair on commercial trucks including engines, transmission, steering, suspension, brakes, and electrical systems
- Maintained a turbine engine supply 99% readiness rate for over a year straight
- Supervised 15 technicians at the only on-base turbine repair facility

Jan 1988 - Sep 1997

Auto Body Apprentice / Technician - Family Owned Body Shop

- Write damage estimates
- Perform body/paint repair on new and antique vehicles
- Design, build and repair dirt track stock cars

EDUCATION - Continuing Education

- ATG - 5 Gas Analysis Certification - Sept 2021
- ATG - Catalytic Converter Diagnostics Certification- Sept 2021
- ATG - Domestic Diesel Emissions Certification - Sept 2021

- ATG - Hybrid / Electric Vehicle Certified - Nov 2019
- NRVIA Level II Certified RV Inspector - July 2018
- GTO AA Certified Judge - June 2018
- ASCAA Certified Vehicle Appraiser - June 2016
- Completed Associates in Marketing Degree at Southwestern Illinois College - June 2012
- Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) - Master Certified Automotive & HD Trucks - 2005
- Federal Mogul and National Wheel End and Seals Certification - 2005

MEMBERSHIPS / VOLUNTEERISM - Well Connected

- Midwest Auto Car Alliance Member - 2019
- National Safe Boating Council Member - 2019
- Classic Car Club of America - 2017
- Gateway GTO Association - 2017
- National Street Rod Association - 2017
- The American Society of Certified Auto Appraisers - 2012

AWARDS - Trustworthy

- Outstanding Marketing Student & Presidents Award - Southwestern Illinois College - 2012
- Twice Awarded the AAM - Army Achievement Medal – 1999, 2002
- Twice Awarded the GCA - Army Good Conduct Award – 2000, 2003
- ARCOM - Army Accommodation Medal - 2001
- Three Times Awarded the ASDB - Army Safe Driver's Badge - 2000, 2002
- OAMB - Outstanding Army Mechanics Badge - 2002
- Three Times Awarded NATO Ribbon - Bronze Star - Bosnia, Kuwait, Iraq - 1999, 2001, 2003