



Klay “KJ” Joiner - 37

“ Factories and plants across the state benefit from production technicians like me, and I know that the work I do keeps manufacturers in a good position. Most people just think about the day-to-day in these manufacturing facilities, but consistent machine maintenance and frequent equipment checks are often overlooked. Those small tasks that make everything continue to run smoothly—that’s where I come in. A lot of hands-on work and mechanical experience is needed to get the job done, but decreasing the errors or malfunctions with any machine is always the goal. ”

Occupation:

Production
Technician

Salary:

\$64,915

Education:

High School Diploma
or Equivalent

Job Description:

Industrial Machinery Mechanics repair, install, adjust, or maintain industrial production and processing machinery or refinery and pipeline distribution systems. May also install, dismantle, or move machinery and heavy equipment according to plans.*



*Source: This information is based on O*NET™ data. O*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Job Description:

SOC Code: 49-9041

Top Job Skills:

- Welding
- Industrial maintenance
- Preventative maintenance
- Good computer skills
- Divide in all units of measure

General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
 - Analyze performance data to assess equipment operation
- Information Input
 - Inspect mechanical equipment to locate damage, defects, or wear
 - Test mechanical equipment to ensure proper functioning
 - Observe equipment in operation to detect potential problems
- Work Output
 - Maintain work equipment or machinery
 - Repair worn, damaged, or defective mechanical parts
 - Adjust equipment to ensure optimal performance
 - Clean equipment, parts, or tools to repair or maintain them in good working order
 - Disassemble equipment for maintenance or repair
 - Reassemble equipment after repair
 - Maintain repair or maintenance records

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

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Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O*NET.org](https://www.onet.org).

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JOB STATISTICS:



Typical Wage Range
\$47,650 - \$70,010



Projected Growth
1,005/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State
9,200



Required Education
High School Diploma
or Equivalent



Work Experience
Typically
Requires None



On-the-Job Training
Long-Term
On-the-job Training

*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Pee Dee
- Midlands
- Worklink
- Greenville
- Catawba
- Upstate

EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- ABB
- AESC Florence, LLC
- Alpek Polyester
- Augusta Concrete Block Company
- Boise Cascade Holdings, LLC

RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Electric Motor, Power Tool, and Related Repairers
- Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines
- Milling and Planing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic
- Millwrights

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2025.