

Charles Caldwell

Welder/fabricator

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I have been welding for 20 plus years and hold 2 Washington state WABO certificates, in which one is FCAW and the other is SMAW structural steel. I am able to run forklifts, lulls, overhead cranes etc. And I am able to work off of blueprints or verbal instructions to customize to each project as needed. I am good working on my own or with others as a team, and I am looking for somewhere to work that I can excel and grow with.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

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Progress Rail, a Caterpillar Company - Tacoma, WA

February 2019 to October 2019

Progress Rail is a locomotive repowering company owned by Caterpillar. Basically old locomotives would be deconstructed down to the platform and from there totally rebuilt. My function was removal of the old locomotive with the assistance of mechanics and electricians, then rebuilding them in the same manner. There I used the mig and stick process as well as made custom parts and plates to modify the old platform; so it could properly be mated to the new cab, engine, generator, etc. Here we used torches, air arching, plasma cutters, overhead cranes and forklifts. Along with the welding to perform these tasks.

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Wahoo Energy - Tumwater, WA

January 2018 to October 2018

With this small company we built fishing ship and dock cranes as well as crab pot launchers. Mostly using the flux core process on T-1 steel. I also tig welded stainless and carbon steel to make hydraulic tanks, piping and other various parts as needed. I worked off blueprint instructions 90% of the time and orally given directions from the owner the rest of the time.

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Way Machine Shop - Centralia, WA

August 2016 to December 2017

Built and repaired logging equipment using mig, tig and stick welding on aluminium, stainless and carbon steel. I welded in the field and in the shop.

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Bailey General Contractors - Lacey, WA

October 2015 to April 2016

With this company, I was the only welder they had. I custom built awnings and hand rails, as well as structural. Custom brackets and embeds. Working here most of my work I did alone. I worked under

three superintendents and helped them coordinate when and how long I would need to complete my job. As long with helping them know what and how much material to order. Mainly I used the flux core stick process. About 50 percent of all the work I did was off blue prints and the rest was custom built on site.

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Holland Ornamental - University Place, WA
July 2014 to July 2015

We built custom hand rails mostly out of mild steel as the customer needed using the mig process. About half of the work was done in the shop, and the other half in the field, where we would build on site and install the rails.

Education

High school or equivalent

Chester Senior High - Chester, SC

Skills

Welder Fabricator, Welding, MIG, Fabrication

Certifications and Licenses

WABO Certification.

Two WABO certifications. One of which is dual shield flux core. And the other is in stick.