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SUMMARY:

Highly innovative certified Sr. Packaging Engineer with extensive hands-on experience in designing and managing consumer packaging projects. Unique ability to design creative structures and graphics in support of Sales and Marketing goals. Interacted daily with a cross-functional team on the management of global initiatives. Outstanding successes in achieving project objectives for packaging innovation and process improvement, while reducing cost and meeting deadlines. Demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects, coupled with a willingness to take on new challenges. Reputation for achieving bottom-line results while implementing safe, tested, packaging solutions under the discipline of engineering.

CORE PACKAGING COMPETENCIES INCLUDE:

Plastic blow-molding	Cartons	Distribution Packaging	Thermoforming
Plastic injection-molding	Bottles	EAS Security Solutions	Rotogravure
Lithography	Closures	Packaging Machinery	Blisters and Cards
Labels (full color)	Bar Coding	Flexible Materials	POP Displays
Direct Transfer printing	Testing	Graphic Design	Supplier negotiations

AWARDS:

- (2) U.S. Patents (No. 5,477,964 and No. 6,011,472) for innovative packaging solutions
- (2) National Hardware Show's Communication Awards
- (5) Design of the Times Awards
- (9) Company "Standout" Awards
- (5) American Graphic Design Awards
- (1) Company Team of the Year Award
- (2) Golden Hammer Awards
- (9) Company WIN Awards

WORK EXPERIENCE:

CONSUMER TOOL COMPANY IN THE NORTHEAST 1993 – 12/2008
Sr. Packaging Engineer for Professional and DIY Hand Tools

Designed and managed a wide variety of projects from initial concept to prototypes, comps, testing, supplier negotiations, tooling, develop bills of materials, artwork approvals, pre-production approvals, specifications, manufacturing support, and distribution.

- Effectively led and supported packaging component suppliers, and global operations achieving 15% annual reduction in packaging costs.
- Key contributor to Kaizen cost-down projects resulting in \$1MM savings for Puebla, Mexico manufacturing plant in 2008.
- Developed effective hands-on partnership customers including, Wal-Mart, Target, Sam's Warehouse Club Store, Costco, The Home Depot, and Lowe's Home Improvement.
- Redesigned shipping cartons to increased container efficiency resulting in \$1.5MM savings.
- provided cross-functional leadership role on supply chain cost and complexity reduction projects.
- Contributing member for \$100MM hand tool program introduction at Wal-Mart in 2008.
- Managed project to procure packaging machinery, intergraded into manufacturing flow, resulting in improved cycle-time and reduced costs.

BIC CORPORATION, Shelton, CT

1990 - 1993

Sr. Graphic Designer for Shavers, Writing Instruments, and Lighters

Designed graphics for Writing Instruments, Shavers, and Lighters product groups, including the products, packaging, and merchandisers. Developed every phase of a project, from initial concept to final production.

- Daily interaction with packaging operations and component suppliers to ensure quality and on-time delivery.
- Identified and managed \$2.7MM cost-savings in collateral print.
- Responsible for qualifying printing press approvals and established printing quality standards.
- Designed Wavelength Tribals, #1 selling fashion writing instruments according to A.C. Nielsen. Bic Wavelengths accounted for 30% in organic growth in 1992.

RELATED WORK HISTORY

THE WORX GROUP, Prospect, CT

Graphic Designer for advertising agency

Directed photography, created illustrations, logos, and designed graphics for ads, packaging, and collateral materials.

Accounts included Lake Compounce Theme Park, Waterbury Hospital, Job Shop Technology magazine.

LARDIS, McCURDY AND COMPANY, Meriden, CT

Graphic Designer for advertising agency

Designed graphics for advertising and collateral projects. Accounts included Mott's Foods, Schweppes, and Heublein Importers.

EDUCATION:

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY, New Britain, CT

Awarded Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design

TRAINING:

INSTITUTE OF PACKAGING PROFESSIONALS

Demonstrated professional excellence through education, experience and performance proficiencies in the field of packaging, and by rigorous examination administered by this Institute, has qualified to use the professional certification designation "Certified Packaging Professional (CPP)".

Dale Carnegie Training

Building Successful Leaders (BSL) Program

SOFTWARE:

Artios CAD, Kongsberg table, Pro/E, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Microsoft Office Suite, CAPE

References and portfolio are available upon request.