

# GARY D. CHILDERS

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Welder extensively trained in MIG, TIG, dual shield, flux core and stick welding. Experienced professional in crane operation and metal fabrication. Results oriented and high-energy professional, with heavy equipment and weld measuring experience. Able to prioritize and meet tight production deadlines. Excellent verbal, written and team-building skills. Specialist in forklift operation and fabrication of precision custom parts and executed technical welding of large scale metal manufacturing.

## SKILLS

- Specializes in working with structural steel and light gauge stainless steel
- Adept in precision and measuring tools
- 20+ years experience in MIG, TIG, dual shield, flux and stick welding
- Assembled structural forms and performed hydrostatic and dimensional tolerance tests to evaluate weld quality and conformance to expectations.
- Fabrication of shop parts directly from blueprint.
- Detected faulty operation of equipment and defective materials and promptly resolves issues.
- Removal and repair of unacceptable welds with an Air Arc and/or grinder to meet quality guidelines.
- Interpersonal skills
- Iron worker
- Completed apprenticeship
- Shaping, forming and cutting
- Fast learner
- In-depth OSHA knowledge
- Production procedures
- Structural welding
- Expertise in wire feed machines
- Tool repair and maintenance
- Material handling expert
- Blueprint interpretation expertise
- Removed rough spots from wok pieces with portable grinders, hand files and scrapers.
- Clamped, held, tack-welded, heat-bent, ground and bolted component parts to achieve required configurations ad positions. (Prior to completing welds)
- Skilled with gas tungsten arc, gas metal arc, flux-cored arc, plasma cutting and shielded metal arc welding.
- Setup and operation of hand and power tools, operation of hoists, cranes and power tools to dismantle equipment to find and remove defective parts.
- Inspection of welds and critical measurements to meet specifications upon completion.

## WORK HISTORY

### WELDER/FABRICATOR

***Fountain Industries, Shakopee, MN***

***5/2018-Present***

Welded large and small water-tight tanks out of mild and stainless steel using MIG and TIG processes.

***Littau Harvester, Inc., Slayton, OR***

***5/2016-12/2017***

Prepared, cut, formed and welded swing arms and steering columns for all harvesting equipment.

Repaired broken equipment including making jigs for new and outdated equipment using MIG spray arc and short arc processes.

Worked with oxy/propane table torches, benders, oxy/acetylene torch for arms and columns up to two inches.

Prepared and welded all elevator decks for harvesting equipment including short arc MIG, stainless welding and brazing.

***Taylor-Dunn Manufacturing, Anaheim, CA***

***8/2013-5/2015***

Built heavy-tow tractors "Tiger" using oxy/acetylene torch, dual shield and MIG processes.

Created small parts to build other work vehicles.

***Enterprise Baler Co., Santa Ana, CA***

***11/2005-1/2008***

Fabrication of balers and conveyors using oxy/acetylene, flux core, dual shield and MIG processes.

Completion of repairs and installs.

## EDUCATION

High School Diploma, Jurupa Valley HS, Jurupa Valley, CA

Center for Employment Training (CET), Riverside, CA: Welding

## REFERENCES

Fountain Industries, Carol

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Littau Harvester, Jery Flickinger-Manager, Norman Johnson-Owner

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