INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Maintenance technicians maintain and optimize equipment used in manufacturing and industry to ensure production and quality goals are met.

THE BIG PICTURE

In the corrugated packaging industry, maintenance technicians are responsible for:

- Diagnosing, repairing, rebuilding or replacing mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, and pneumatic systems on plant equipment.

SALARY

The U.S. average starting annual salary is $55,557 or $26.71/hour and the U.S. median annual salary is $66,518 or $31.98/hour.

FUTURE HIRING DEMAND

The demand for industrial maintenance technicians is growing—employment is projected to grow 17% from 2023 to 2033.

MOVING FORWARD

Aspiring maintenance technicians should:

- Earn a high school diploma or GED.
- Consider taking classes that cover topics such as geometry, mechanical drawing, computer-aided design, etc.
- Pursue a two-year technical training program in the mechanical or electrical trades at a community college, or trade or vocational school. Many corrugated packaging companies will provide paid training to help technicians advance through the levels and achieve higher pay.

IS THIS CAREER RIGHT FOR YOU?

DO YOU ENJOY FIXING THINGS? DO YOU ADAPT AND RESPOND EASILY TO CHALLENGES AS THEY ARISE? DO YOU LIKE TO COLLABORATE WITH FELLOW TEAM MEMBERS?

- Maintenance technicians use reasoning to solve problems, troubleshoot, and prioritize their work.
- At the technical level, maintenance technicians have strong practical, electrical, and mechanical knowledge. They are often proficient in reading and interpreting blueprints, mechanical and electrical schematics, complex machinery, and more.
- Building strong relationships with the production team is essential for maintenance technicians to do their job well.
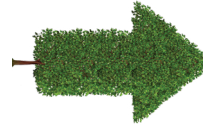
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