



POSITION DESCRIPTION TAMPER

The Tamper Operator shall lead a small team that is responsible for aligning tracks, spreading ballast, and tamping ties. The Tamper Operator ensures that safety is a high priority at all times.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Operates a Mark IV Tamper, EJ6 Tamper, and/or similar Tamper in a safe and effective manner often in conjunction with the ballast regulator operator;
- Troubleshoots and repairs computerized, hydraulic, and electrical components of the tamper;
- Trains and mentors other employees on the operation and maintenance requirements of the tamper;
- Performs track inspections and ensure track standards are met;
- Coordinates daily activities with rail traffic controllers ensuring track permits are issued, followed, and cancelled as required;
- Interfaces with the customer via phone, radio, or in person
- Loads the equipment and secures for transport;
- Purchases supplies necessary to maintain the equipment and the safety environment;
- Maintains necessary journals or maintenance documents as required by the Department;
- Transports the team to and from various locations; and
- Guides employees in the safe operations of equipment and the rules and regulations required to perform the operations of the Department.

Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Strong knowledge of track geometry and the ability to apply the knowledge to the proper set up and alignment of the tamper;
- Ability to operate, maintain, and repair a MK IV, EJ6, or similar tamper;
- Skilled in troubleshooting mechanical problems and aptitude to maintain and repair computerized, hydraulic, and electrical components;
- Strong team building skills including interpersonal, communication, and problem solving;
- Knowledge of occupational hazards/safety precautions associated with a variety of work activities;
- Ability to understand, record, and apply oral and written instructions; document work activities, and prepare required reports or work orders;
- Willingness to adapt to new technological changes and improvements and participate in training and self-development programs;
- Ability to travel throughout Western Canada for extended periods of time and work in all weather conditions;
- Hold and maintain a valid driver's license.

Education & Experience

- Demonstrated experience operating a tamper; class 1 railway experience is an asset
- Ability to acquire and maintain CROR and TIG certifications;
- Experience supervising small teams, interacting with customers, and working independently;

Note: This description is not intended to limit the assignment of work or be construed as a complete list of the many duties to be performed by the incumbent. The qualifications are provided so interested candidates understand of the level of expertise required in this position.