

# Norm Thompson

Garner, North Carolina

Press operator with over 30 years' experience on Heidelberg and Komori presses. With the right moving expense reimbursement, I would be willing to relocate to your area. I'm a fifth-generation pressman who started his career with a two-year formal education at a technical college while in high school.

I keep a close eye on my work, pulling sheets and taking consistent densitometer readings at regular intervals. I have experience running various substrates through the press consistently, ranging from basically newsprint to 24 point and 18 point foil coated card stock. I can match spot colors and meet press targets.

I keep my work area and equipment clean and perform scheduled maintenance on my equipment. I'm willing to work any shift, second shift is my favorite shift. And, I'm always available for overtime.

If you are in need of an experienced press operator, give me a call on my landline at: (919) 307-4677 or, my email address at [my62thunderbird@gmail.com](mailto:my62thunderbird@gmail.com)

## EXPERIENCE

**2024-2025 – RLG Healthcare, 191 Technology Drive, Garner North Carolina 27529**

Press Operator Heidelberg SX-102 8/Color with CutStar Attachment

At RLG Healthcare I was a press operator on a Heidelberg 40" 8/Color SX-102 with a CutStar attachment. RLG Healthcare prints patient information sheets for the pharmaceutical industry. PI sheets are printed on very thin paper. Depending on the availability of paper I would switch from using the CutStar roll converter to regular sheetfed mode.

I was very impressed with the CutStar functions. If you are thinking of adding a CutStar roll converter to your press I highly recommend it. I'm sure you will find it to be profitable in a short period of time

**2019-2024 – First Impression, 7339 E. 59th Place, Tulsa Oklahoma 74145**

Press Operator Komori GL 640 UV

At First Impression, I was a press operator on a Komori GL 640 UV It had a coater unit. I would run various types of coating materials ranging from low gloss to high gloss UV coating. It came equipped with a PQA system which checked for imperfections during the press run. It also came equipped with a PDC-S Auto Tracking Spectrophotometer that I found especially useful for measuring dot gain and for taking L\*a\*b\* readings. I

would also take L\*a\*b\* readings at specified x-y positions periodically on the sheet with a hand-held densitometer.

First Impression was a commercial packaging company that did mostly carton packaging for the pharmaceutical and food industry.

**2018-2019 – Resource One, 2900 East Apache Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74110**

Press Operator Heidelberg SM102 6/Color CD

Resource One is a G-7 certified printer, I printed mostly direct mail pieces, some magazines and high end catalogs. Oftentimes utilizing all six units to print an additional two colors of PMS in combination with four color process.

**2007-2018 – Fairmont Printing, 113 E. Park, Fairmont, West Virginia**

Press Operator Heidelberg

Press operator on Heidelberg presses ranging from Heidelberg SM 102 8/Color to MOZP and SM52 5/Color. Did mostly recruitment type printing for colleges and universities including rack cards and direct mail pieces. Also did printing for the various school districts in that area and direct mail and brochures for ski resorts.

**2004-2007 – The Johns Byrnes Company, 6701 W. Oakton St., Niles, Illinois**

Press Operator Komori Lithrone 640

Press operator for high end printing company that markets towards nationally recognized advertising agencies.

As a press operator for The Johns Byrnes Company, I printed a lot of work for advertising agencies like BBDO and David Ogilvy of Ogilvy and Mather.

## EDUCATION

1974-1975 – San Jose Regional Vocational Center, San Jose, California

Major: Visual Communications Printing

Two years of a formal education at a technical college. My dad was a linotype operator for the San Jose Mercury News. When they phased out the linotypes, he started a print shop in the garage. I would practice what I learned at my vocational school on his equipment in the garage. It was a natural fit. I got straight A's in my vocational school training.