

National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Inc.

Credentialing Achievement Record

Press Brake LEVEL III Set Up and Operate Non-CNC Mechanical

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PRESS BRAKE CREDENTIALING PROGRAM

LEVEL III CREDENTIALING ACHIEVEMENT RECORD (CAR)

and

Official Performance CHECKLISTs (Skill Checks)

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NAME:	Reg. No.	Job Title:
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Site Name:	Site No.

STATUS:	Non-Completer	Candidate has Successfully Completed all NIMS Performance Requirements in the Following Credentialing Area:
	Reason:	Duty Cluster Name:
		SETUP NON-CNC/MECHANICAL PRESS BRAKE
		Date Completed:

Directions

This *Credentialing Achievement Record (CAR)* is the official training and performance document for the above named NIMS credentialing candidate. The CAR is used by the trainer/supervisor and candidate as a record (or logbook) of individual on-the-job performance. The CAR is the *vehicle* that will allow eligible candidates to take the NIMS written credentialing examination(s). Supervisors, trainers, and candidates should take care of this record and be sure that it is accurate, kept up to date, filled out correctly, and properly stored. All information recorded in the *CAR* should be considered **CONFIDENTIAL**.

Candidates may select as many credentialing Duty Clusters as applicable to the facility or appropriate to the job. There are separate CAR booklets for each credentialing Duty Cluster. The CAR opens with a list of Critical Work Activities (or experience statements) that must be acknowledged and documented. However, actual performance is assessed two ways: 1) by fulfilling these general experience and historical statements and 2) by an examiner administering *Skill Checks* (or performance assessments). Three successful Skill Check attempts are required. Skill Checks are clearly marked with the title - **CAR SKILL CHECK**. Candidate performance is documented by a \supseteq on the <u>Examiner's *CHECKLIST*</u>. All Skill Checks must be co-signed and dated by the trainer/supervisor and candidate. Work Activity sign-offs must be co-initialed by the trainer/supervisor or manager and candidate then dated. If a particular Skill Checks may require the candidate to perform work a bit differently than your normal procedure or learn how to do something that may not be part of their typical day-to-day responsibilities. However, you may <u>only</u> check-off *NA* if the process-standard does not apply because the equipment or tooling is not available or the metalforming process itself does not require this activity or competency.

For additional information about administering *CAR* Skill Checks, see the <u>CAR Administration Guide</u> or consult with your facility Credentialing Coordinator.



PRESS BRAKE CREDENTIALING PROGRAM

LEVEL III CREDENTIALING ACHIEVEMENT RECORD (CAR)

Setup a Non-CNC/Mechanical Press Brake

Level III – Mechanical Brake with a Non-CNC Ram and CNC or Non-CNC Gaging

Critical Work Activities & Experience	Date Completed	Supervisor Initials	Trainer Initials	Trainee Initials
All of the following statements must be completed prior to submission of the CAR		and	or	
Setup Non-CNC Press Brake				
Candidate has successfully completed all required safety training/courses as specified by the work facility or required by OHSA. Candidate has working knowledge of applicable OHSA and ISO regulations and American National Standards (B-11.3)				
Candidate has successfully completed the probationary period for this position (job title) as specified by the work facility.				
Candidate has met the attendance policy of the facility over the last 12 consecutive months.				
Candidate has no company documented safety violations within the last 12 consecutive months.				
Candidate has no reported incidents of non-conforming parts contaminating quality parts over the last three (3) consecutive months.				
Candidate has demonstrated the ability to maintain a clean and orderly work area in compliance with facility housekeeping policies and has no reported violations for a period of three (3) consecutive months.				
Candidate demonstrated the ability to recognize and explain the type of press brake and its function (including setup devices, controls, mechanical components, drive and gaging mechanisms, tooling and Quick-Change/Amada-type tooling, work holding devices, etc.).				
Candidate has demonstrated expert knowledge of material/part conformance standards and QC recording techniques.				

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Critical Work Activities & Experience	Date Completed	Supervisor Initials	Trainer Initials	Trainee Initials
Given specific duties to perform, multi-step instructions, and necessary written documentation, candidate has demonstrated the ability to locate, read and use information to setup, execute, and control a press brake process to defined quality and safety standards.				
Candidate has demonstrated ability in decision making and problem solving when deviating from a particular sequence or process.				
Candidate has demonstrated appropriate social behaviors and communicative skills with customers, supervisors, team leaders, and/or co-workers.				
Candidate has worked cooperatively with others and has contributed to company efforts with ideas, suggestions, and/or feedback to improve a process, resolve a problem, or introduce a new method.				
Candidate can recognize appropriate codes of conduct and values in the workplace and has exhibited honesty, integrity, and responsibility when doing work, reporting findings, and when communicating with others.				
Candidate can use standard algebraic, geometric and trigonometric formulas to solve for an unknown and to calculate dimensions, patterns, coordinates, and angles.				
Candidate can perform basic statistical calculations, using standard formulas to determine means, medians, modes, and ranges and accurately record data on forms, reports, information sheets, and/or controlled documents.				
Candidate has demonstrated competency interpreting blueprints and/or technical drawings (Standard and GDT orthographics, geometric dimensioning and tolerancing, control charts and graphs, etc.)				
Candidate has expert knowledge of precision measuring and transfer instruments and has selected and used those devices to confirm work piece compliance (as per blueprints, technical drawings and/or reference part).				

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Critical Work Activities & Experience	Date Completed	Supervisor Initials	Trainer Initials	Trainee Initials
Candidate can select and use precision tools/instruments for surface plate work (i.e., angle plates, tool blocks, transfer gages, height gages) and determine a part's compliance on selected dimensions.				
Candidate can recognize common materials and their metallurgical properties (ferrous and non-ferrous, magnetic, heat treated, and ductile materials). Candidate can predict material formability based on its appearance, hardness, treatment, size, and call-out print specifications.				
Candidate understands forming procedures, can select an appropriate machine for the process, and can setup machine gaging and tooling as per bend sequence, tonnage, and material integrity.				

NOTE: For details and specifics regarding worker competencies, see <u>Duties & Standards for Metalworking - Press</u> <u>Brake</u>, Level II & III, National Institute for Metalworking Skills/Precision Metalforming Association

Skill Checks begin on next page



NIMS PRESS BRAKE SKILL CHECK Level III

Candidate:	Date:
Examiner:	(For examiner use only) Results: Pass Ves Date Started: Date Ended:

Work Activity Setup, Verify and Operate a Non-CNC Press Brake

Performance Conditions Setting: Shop, bench, and QC area(s). Candidate will perform job planning activities, setup a Non-CNC/Mechanical Press Brake for a new or different job, verify machine operations, inspect parts for quality (*setup and in-process frequency inspections required*), run and control the process for at least 1 hour (*or up until and after the first QC inspection*), and perform handoff or shutdown activities. Three (3) successful Skill Check attempts on at least two (2) different part setups are required for on-the-job performance recognition.

> In addition, the candidate will respond to in-process problems, troubleshoot (isolate) the cause of those problems, and perform appropriate corrective actions necessary to maintain equipment function, process integrity, and quality control. Candidate may also participate in preventive maintenance activities.

> To take this Skill Check, the metal piece-parts to be made must have (<u>at minimum</u>) the following attributes and characteristics:

- At least 4 bends with
- 2 or more different flange lengths.

Safety Equipment:

- *Personal Protection Equipment/Clothing (PPE/PPC)*
- Lockout/Tagout and /or Safety Blocks (if applicable)



Tools, Equipment	and	Materials:
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- Allen Wrenches
- Calculator
- Common Hand/Setup Tools
- Conversion Charts/Tables
- Grease/Lubricants
- Hand Truck/Fork Lift (if applicable)
- Housekeeping Supplies
- Manufacturer's Operations Manual
- Mechanical/Non-CNC Press Brake
- Pen/Pencil
- Pre-Cut Raw Material/Blanks
- Prints, Charts, Drawings
- Production and QC Documentation
- Rubber Mallet
- Scribe
- Changeover Tooling and Accessories
- Shims
- Shop Wipes
- Sockets
- Scrap and Part Containers/Pallets

Attainment Standards 1. 100% of all applicable procedural steps and process standards (without assistance and within company-specific time limit) following all shop and OSHA safety requirements, ISO standards, equipment manufacturer specifications, and plant-specific processes, practices and procedures.

2. 100% conformance with all QC/QA final product standards and other performance criteria.

Trainee Directions The Skill Checks you are about to take are hands-on assessments that are part of the credentialing process. These assessments will enable you to verify your experience and demonstrate your competency by completing practical job tasks. The Skill Checks will cover areas that you should know and problems you should be able to solve. If you need any additional materials or experience any problems with equipment during the assessment, notify the examiner immediately.

Trainee Directions The previously referenced tools, equipment, materials and supplies may be used to Setup, Verify, and Operate a Non-CNC (mechanically controlled ram) Press Brake. All safety and plant-specific procedures must be followed. The examiner will evaluate both the process used and the final result of the process. Process steps should be performed in sequence according to your SOP/job aid, Layout Sheet, Setup/Process Plan, etc. However, all applicable outcomes (product standards) must meet process-specific criteria, customer specifications, QC/SPC requirements, and NIMS criteria for successful completion.

Measuring Instruments:

- Calipers
- Checking Gages
- Combination Square (or Square)
 - Fixture Gages
 - Micrometer
 - Protractor
 - Scales/Tape Measure



Examiner Instructions

For successful completion of this Skill Check, the candidate must demonstrate the ability to successfully complete the work activity under controlled assessment conditions. All work must be completed to standard.

Before administering the Skill Check:

- Read/review the CAR Administration Guide developed for the program.
- Ensure that you have a copy of this Skill Check for the candidate to use while he/she is working. Be sure all applicable equipment and supplies are available.

Do <u>not</u> provide assistance during the Skill Check. Monitor work in-progress and evaluate for *process standard*. Assess the completed work for conformance with **final product** criteria. Mark *NA* if a *process*-product is not appropriate. To successfully complete each Skill Check, all boxes must be marked **YES** or *NA*.

Stop the Skill Check immediately if the candidate violates a safety/environmental regulation or procedure or if there is any possibility of personal injury or damage to equipment.

Before assessment, the examiner may discuss appropriate safety requirements and loss potential issues (*i.e.*, Lock and Tag/Zero Energy, HAZMAT/HAZCOM, personal protection equipment/devices, pinch points, rotating devices, compressed air/fluid, high or residual voltage, E-Stops, OHSA-1910 Loss Potential, etc.).

EXAMINER: Read aloud the *Skill Check Script* from the *Administration Guide* (*verbatim*).

When the candidate indicates that he/she has completed the Skill Check or when your maximum time allowed has run out, assess Final Product Standards and follow the closing procedures outlined in the *Administration Guide*.

Checklist Scoring Procedures: Observe the candidate's performance for each Process Step and mark the CHECKLIST whether or not the Process-Product Standards were attained (Do not rely on your memory). Process-Product Standards are to be marked as each element is completed.

(C) *Critical*. Failure to meet the standard will result in immediate Skill Check termination.

Note: The evaluator will terminate the assessment and schedule the individual for further training.

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SKILL CHECKS BEGIN ON NEXT PAGE



Examiner's CHECKLIST SKILL CHECK #1 Setup, Operate & Maintain a Non-CNC Press Brake

Process Steps	Process-Product Standards				
START DATE:		Yes	No	NA	
	A - PRE-SETUP, JOB PLANNING & STAGING				
1. Plan Setup	• Print/drawings (or controlling documents) obtained, reviewed and matched to job code or setup specifications. (C)				
	 Print/drawings current and any print revisions noted and acknowledged. 				
	 Inspection sheet(s) pulled and quality requirements acknowledged. 				
	 Part dimensions recognized and verified against print/QC chart specifications. (C) 				
	 Machine selected has the capacity to undertake the process and is available for the job. 				
	• Brake checked for integrity of calibration (ram, back/side gages, etc.). (C)				
	• Verified availability of tooling, accessories, and raw material/blanks.				
	• Bend sequence plan verified (only if existing) so part will not crash into machine.				
	• Tooling selected/obtained, verified for function, and laid out at job site for installation.				
	• Tooling clean and not damaged (no nicks, burrs, bends, cracks, etc.).				
	• Tool lengths appropriate for the job. (C)				
	• Punch radius/radii appropriate for the job.				
	• Punch types and styles (i.e., gooseneck, straight, etc.) appropriate for process.				
	• Die openings established for the job (i.e., section lengths, V-openings, etc.). (C)				
	• Proper gage styles determined (i.e., flip, pin, finger, etc.).				
	• Precision measurement instruments and devices staged and verified for calibration (tags/stickers current).				
	 No loose objects, scrap, or debris lying in or around machine or workstation. 				



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards				
		Yes	No	NA	
	A - PRE-SETUP, JOB PLANNING & STAGING Continued				
2. Remove Previous Job and Clean Machine	 All previous tooling removed in closed-gap ram position without damaging tool or holder. Old tools were separated and stored to the previous job. 				
	• Damaged tooling identified and prepared for refurbishing.				
	 All gages, parts, scrap, and documentation from previous job removed from setup site. 				
3. Verify and Stage Raw Material/Blanks	• Material matched setup plan (type, metallurgy, OAL, width, thickness, finish, etc.). (C)				
	 Material tag/ID controlled. P/N and revision level matched to print. Sufficient raw material at job site. Demonstrated ability transporting or ordering raw materials to job site. 				
	 Part/scrap containers/pallets in correct positions. 				
	B- SETUP PRESS BRAKE, TOOLING	· 	·	-	
4. Setup Press Brake	 ACCESSORIES & CONTROLS Existing bend sequence and direction layout obtained and verified for process. (C) or New bend sequence created and verified for 				
	process (determined gage parameters, flange lengths, angles, special features, established hand directions and companye ato) (O)				
	 bend directions and sequence, etc.). (C) Brake energized (flywheel moving and ram will move when activated). 				
	 Ram correctly positioned at bottom of stroke during tool changeover. 				
	 Machine and die area clean and no foreign objects in tool assembly. 				
	 Punch installed flush and securely set into position with die. 				
	 Die centered and secured in place. Tip of punch aligned and centered in die (left-right). 				
	 Tooling depth set to accommodate material thickness and part angles. 				
	Ram returned to top position.				



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	B- SETUP PRESS BRAKE, TOOLING			
	ACCESSORIES & CONTROLS Continued			
Setup Press Brake Continued	• Back gage stop set and oriented to raw material (CNC or manual).			
	 Back gage height and finger location established (CNC or manual). 			
	 Side stops installed and set to part specifications. 			
	 1st angle made and adjusted for initial conformance. 			
	 1st flange made and adjusted for initial conformance. 			
	 2nd flange made and adjusted for initial conformance. 			
	 Remaining angles and/or flanges bent in sequence and adjusted for initial conformance. First article (4 angles/2 flange lengths) formed. 			
	• Part orientation, tooling clearances, bend sequence, angles, and flange dimensions tested, established, and verified for repeatability.			
	 Tooling clearance accommodated part movement during all bending operations. 			
	 Demonstrated ability manipulating and handling raw material. 			
	 Hands/fingers kept clear of ram and secondary pinch points. (C) 			
	 Ram speed-change adjusted and cycle mode set. Safety devices/guards installed and verified for 			
	function. (C)			
	• Setup articles brought to and staged at inspection area.			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	C – INSPECT FIRST ARTICLE/PARTS AND VERIFY PRESS BRAKE FOR FUNCTION			
5. Inspect First Article/Setup Samples Using Hand Held	• Bend sequence and orientation conformed to part characteristics ("part looks like print") based on visual inspection.			
Measuring Devices	 OAL in conformance with part specifications. Cosmetic attributes and finish met quality 			
	• Cosmetic attributes and minish met quanty requirements (no cracking, tool marks, rough finish, etc.)			
	• Part angles/radii conformed to print specifications and tolerances.			
e First Required Part Inspection	• Flange lengths, squareness, parallelism, and perpendicularity conformed to print specifications.			
	• Other dimensions conformed to print specifications (e.g., <i>hole-to-hole</i>).			
	 Process adjusted until part is in conformance. (C) 			
	 Achieved reliable part compliance and/or notified proper authority of any non- conformance issues. (C) 			
	• Inspection documentation completed accurately and legibly.			
	• Setup documentation completed and submitted in a timely manner (includes "sign-offs").			
	• First article/sample parts approved for production run (Press brake is production-ready).			
	• Demonstrated expert ability using and reading hand-held precision measuring instruments. (C)			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	D - PRODUCTION OPERATIONS & PROCESS CONTROL			
6. Operate Press Brake and Make Quality Pieze Parts	• Arms, hands, and fingers kept clear of ram and			
Make Quality Piece-Parts	 all secondary pinch points. (C) Material continuously fed flat and against all stops. (C) 			
(Setup candidate must operate machine and make piece-parts, on an on going basis up to the	• Demonstrated correct feed and follow through technique (No back or forward bending of part/material). (C)			
1 st in-process part inspection)	• Adhered to verified bending sequence and direction layout (no crashes). (C)			
	 No excessive vibrations, squealing, or smoke present (<i>Yes = these conditions were not present</i>). 			
	 Tooling or press brake was not damaged during operations. (C) 			
	 Piece-parts carefully removed from die/tool area after completion of bending sequence. 			
	• Finished piece-parts placed (or			
	 stacked/palletized) in proper holder/container. Piece-parts correctly packed (no damage to finite basis) 			
	finished parts during operations or transfer).Piece-parts/finished container tagged for			
	traceability.No bad/defective piece-parts mixed with good			
	 parts (<i>Yes = no cross-contamination occurred</i>). (C) Percentage of scrap (or re-work) within coordinate stor dords 			
	acceptable standards.Work area kept clean and organized during run.Quality parts made on a continuous basis to %			
	productivity standards (e.g., " <i>parts-per-</i> <i>minute</i> ") up to the first <i>in-process</i> QC inspection.			
7. Inspect Parts In-Process	• Executed 1 st in-process part inspection in			
Using Hand-Held Precision Measurement Devices	 accordance with inspection/quality plan. (C) Bend sequence conformed to part characteristics 			
	("part still looks like the print").Surface finish (I/O) not scratched or damaged.			
Second Required Part	• Cosmetic attributes and finish met quality specifications (features conformed to print).			
Inspection	• Part angles and orientation conformed to print specifications. (C)			
	• Flange lengths and orientation in conformance with dimensional and directional specifications.			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	D - PRODUCTION OPERATIONS & PROCESS CONTROL Continued			
Inspect Parts In-Process Using Hand-Held Precision Measurement Devices	• Flange squareness, perpendicularity, and/or parallelism conformed to dimensional standards and part characteristics. (C)			
Continued	• Other critical dimensions in-conformance with quality control chart or standards (i.e., OAL, hole-to-hole, height, setbacks, etc.).			
	 Demonstrated expert ability using and reading hand-held precision measuring instruments. 			
	 Completed in-process inspection and quality control documentation accurately and legibly. (C) 			
	• Piece-parts inspected met all quality and layout standards (process adjusted as needed and parts brought into compliance). (C)			
	 Good parts were not mixed with bad, "out-of-spec" parts (<i>Yes</i> = no cross contamination occurred). (C) 			
	E – HAND-OFF PRESS BRAKE TO			
8. Hand Off Press Brake to Operations	 OPERATOR Communicated safety issues and process control procedures or restrictions to operator. Secondary pinch points and ram opening communicated to operator for safety. (C) Communicated bend sequence, bend directions 			
	and frequency of inspections to operator (operator acknowledged and understood information provided). (C)			
	• Material handling equipment/devices in correct position.			
	• Part counters re-set/read or set @ zero.			
	• Monitored (troubleshoot) operations for quality, reliability, integrity, and repeatability. *See Part 2			
	• Equipment checked for maintenance (servicing provided or requested). *See Part 2			
	• Lubricate/coolant levels @ indicated marks for smooth and continuous operation. *See Part 2			
	 No unusual noises, odors, smoke, or excessive vibrations (Yes = these conditions were not present). 			
	• Machine production ready or safely shutdown.			
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End of Skill Check I, Part 1



FINAL PRODUCT STANDARDS

"Work	is Do	ne As Expected When:"
а.		All written/verbal instructions, checklists, and setup guidelines were followed and
		candidate demonstrated safe work practices in material handling, tool
		installation/changeovers, machine setup and operations, and guarding.
b.		All quality control inspections were performed to Quality/Process Plan criteria, results
		within QC specifications, and accurately recorded compliance within the part's required
		features, tolerances, and dimensions.
С.		Following the setup plan, machine was verified for function and safety as necessary for
		hand-off or startup. Demonstrated effective communication skills at hand-off.
d.		Parts were inspected under setup conditions and on an on-going production basis without
		contaminating good/bad parts.
е.		Current prints and tangible part features, characteristics and processes met specified or
		implied needs as per usability, reliability, maintainability, and economics.
f.		Candidate showed ability to link <i>cause and effect</i> in simple to moderately complex
		problems and dig for root cause skillfully to isolate or correct the problem.
g.		All shop safety, environmental, and housekeeping practices were followed.

PART NUMBER USED FOR THIS SKILL CHECK:

COMMENTS

Setup Non-CNC Press Brake

Candidate:		
Examiner:		
Signatures:		Date:
0 -	(Examiner/Advisor)	
-		Date:
	(Monitor/Trainer)	
-	(Candidata)	Date:
-	(Monitor/Trainer) (Candidate)	



Examiner's CHECKLIST SKILL CHECK #2 Setup, Operate & Maintain a Non-CNC Press Brake

Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
START DATE:		Yes	No	NA
	A - PRE-SETUP, JOB PLANNING & STAGING			
1. Plan Setup	• Print/drawings (or controlling documents) obtained, reviewed and matched to job code or setup specifications. (C)			
	 Print/drawings current and any print revisions noted and acknowledged. 			
	 Inspection sheet(s) pulled and quality requirements acknowledged. 			
	 Part dimensions recognized and verified against print/QC chart specifications. (C) 			
	 Machine selected has the capacity to undertake the process and is available for the job. 			
	 Brake checked for integrity of calibration (ram, back/side gages, etc.). (C) 			
	• Verified availability of tooling, accessories, and raw material/blanks.			
	• Bend sequence plan verified (only if existing) so part will not crash into machine.			
	• Tooling selected/obtained, verified for function, and laid out at job site for installation.			
	• Tooling clean and not damaged (no nicks, burrs, bends, cracks, etc.).			
	• Tool lengths appropriate for the job. (C)			
	• Punch radius/radii appropriate for the job.			
	• Punch types and styles (i.e., gooseneck, straight, etc.) appropriate for the process.			
	• Die openings established for the job (i.e., section lengths, V-openings, etc.). (C)			
	• Proper gage styles determined (i.e., flip, pin, finger, etc.).			
	• Precision measurement instruments and devices staged and verified for calibration (tags/stickers current).			
	 No loose objects, scrap, or debris lying in or around machine or workstation. 			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	A - PRE-SETUP, JOB PLANNING & STAGING Continued			
2. Remove Previous Job and Clean Machine	 All previous tooling removed in closed-gap ram position without damaging tool or holder. Old tools were separated and stored to the previous job. 			
	• Damaged tooling identified and prepared for refurbishing.			
	 All gages, parts, scrap, and documentation from previous job removed from setup site. 			
3. Verify and Stage Raw Material/Blanks	• Material matched setup plan (type, metallurgy, OAL, width, thickness, finish, etc.). (C)			
	 Material tag/ID controlled. P/N and revision level matched to print. Sufficient raw material at job site. Demonstrated ability transporting or ordering raw materials to job site. 			
	raw materials to job site.Part/scrap containers/pallets in correct positions.			
	B- SETUP PRESS BRAKE, TOOLING			
4. Setup Press Brake	 ACCESSORIES & CONTROLS Existing bend sequence and direction layout obtained and verified for process. (C) or New bend sequence created and verified for 			
	process (determined gage parameters, flange lengths, angles, special features, established			
	 bend directions and sequence, etc.). (C) Brake energized (flywheel moving and ram will move when activated). 			
	 Ram correctly positioned at bottom of stroke during tool changeover. 			
	 Machine and die area clean and no foreign objects in tool assembly. 			
	 Punch installed flush and securely set into position with die. 			
	 Die centered and secured in place. Tip of punch aligned and centered in die (left-right). 			
	 Tooling depth set to accommodate material thickness and part angles. 			
	 Ram returned to top position. 			



Process Steps Process-Product Standards				
		Yes	No	NA
	B- SETUP PRESS BRAKE, TOOLING			
	ACCESSORIES & CONTROLS Continued			
Setup Press Brake Continued	• Back gage stop set and oriented to raw material (CNC or manual).			
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	 conformance. 2nd flange made and adjusted for initial 			
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	• Part orientation, tooling clearances, bend sequence, angles, and flange dimensions tested, established, and verified for repeatability.			
	 Tooling clearance accommodated part movement during all bending operations. 			
	 Demonstrated ability manipulating and handling raw material. 			
	 Hands/fingers kept clear of ram and secondary pinch points. (C) 			
	• Ram speed-change adjusted and cycle mode set.			
	• Safety devices/guards installed and verified for function. (C)			
	• Setup articles brought to and staged at inspection area.			



Process Steps Process-Product Standards				
		Yes	No	NA
	C – INSPECT FIRST ARTICLE/PARTS AND VERIFY PRESS BRAKE FOR FUNCTION			
5. Inspect First Article/Setup Samples Using Hand Held	• Bend sequence and orientation conformed to part characteristics ("part looks like print") based on visual inspection.			
Measuring Devices	• OAL in conformance with part specifications.			
	• Cosmetic attributes and finish met quality requirements (no cracking, tool marks, rough finish, etc.)			
	• Part angles/radii conformed to print specifications and tolerances.			
	• Flange orientation, lengths, squareness, parallelism, and perpendicularity conformed to print specifications.			
	• Other dimensions conformed to print specifications (e.g., <i>hole-to-hole</i>).			
	 Process adjusted until part is in conformance. (C) 			
	 Achieved reliable part compliance and/or notified proper authority of any non- conformance issues. (C) 			
	• Inspection documentation completed accurately and legibly.			
	• Setup documentation completed and submitted in a timely manner (includes "sign-offs").			
	• First article/sample parts approved for production run (Press brake is production-ready).			
	 Demonstrated expert ability using and reading hand-held precision measuring instruments. (C) 			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	D - PRODUCTION OPERATIONS & PROCESS CONTROL			
6. Operate Press Brake and Make Quality Piece-Parts	• Arms, hands, and fingers kept clear of ram and all secondary pinch points. (C)			
	 Material continuously fed flat and against all stops. (C) 			
(Setup candidate must operate machine and make piece-parts, on an on going basis up to the	 Demonstrated correct feed and follow through technique (No back or forward bending of part/material). (C) 			
1 ^s in-process part inspection)	 Adhered to verified bending sequence and direction layout (no crashes). (C) 			
	 No excessive vibrations, squealing, or smoke present (<i>Yes = these conditions were not present</i>). 			
	 Tooling or press brake was not damaged during operations. (C) 			
	 Piece-parts carefully removed from die/tool area after completion of bending sequence. 			
	• Finished piece-parts placed (or			
	 stacked/palletized) in proper holder/container. Piece-parts correctly packed (no damage to finished parts during operations or transfer). 			
	• Parts/finished container tagged for traceability.			
	 No bad/defective piece-parts mixed with good parts (<i>Yes = no cross-contamination occurred</i>). (C) Demonstrate of correst (or no work) within 			
	• Percentage of scrap (or re-work) within acceptable standards.			
	Work area kept clean and organized during run.Quality parts made on a continuous basis to %			
	productivity standards (e.g., " <i>parts-per-</i> <i>minute</i> ") up to the first <i>in-process</i> QC inspection.			
7. Inspect Parts <i>In-Process</i> Using Hand-Held Precision	 Executed 1st in-process part inspection in accordance with inspection/quality plan. (C) 			
Measurement Devices	• Bend sequence conformed to part characteristics			
ø	 ("part still looks like the print"). Surface finish (I/O) not scratched or damaged. Cosmetic attributes and finish met quality 			
Second Required Part Inspection	 specifications (features conformed to print). Part angles and orientation conformed to print specifications. (C) 			
	 Flange lengths and orientation in conformance with dimensional and directional specifications. 			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	D - PRODUCTION OPERATIONS & PROCESS CONTROL Continued			
Inspect Parts In-Process Using Hand-Held Precision Measurement Devices	• Flange squareness, perpendicularity, and/or parallelism conformed to dimensional standards and part characteristics. (C)			
Continued	• Other critical dimensions in-conformance with quality control chart or standards (i.e., OAL, hole-to-hole, height, setbacks, etc.).			
	 Demonstrated expert ability using and reading hand-held precision measuring instruments. 			
	 Completed in-process inspection and quality control documentation accurately and legibly. (C) 			
	• Piece-parts inspected met all quality and layout standards (process adjusted as needed and parts brought into compliance). (C)			
	 Good parts were not mixed with bad, "out-of-spec" parts (<i>Yes = no cross contamination occurred</i>). (C) 			
	E – HAND-OFF PRESS BRAKE TO OPERATOR			
8. Hand Off Press Brake to Operations	 Communicated safety issues and process control procedures or restrictions to operator. Secondary pinch points and ram opening communicated to operator for safety. (C) Communicated bend sequence, bend directions 			
	and frequency of inspections to operator (operator acknowledged and understood information provided). (C)			
	 Material handling equipment/devices in correct position. 			
	 Part counters re-set/read or set @ zero. Monitored (troubleshoot) operations for quality, reliability, integrity, and repeatability. *See Part 2 			
	 Equipment checked for maintenance (servicing provided or requested). *See Part 2 			
	• Lubricate/coolant levels @ indicated marks for smooth and continuous operation. *See Part 2			
	• No unusual noises, odors, smoke, or excessive vibrations (<i>Yes</i> = these conditions were not present).			
	• Machine production ready or safely shutdown.			
DATE FINSIHED:	• Floor clean, dry and free of debris.			

End of Skill Check 2, Part 1



FINAL PRODUCT STANDARDS

"Work	is Do	ne As Expected When:"
а.		All written/verbal instructions, checklists, and setup guidelines were followed and
		candidate demonstrated safe work practices in material handling, tool
		installation/changeovers, machine setup and operations, and guarding.
b.		All quality control inspections were performed to Quality/Process Plan criteria, results
		within QC specifications, and accurately recorded compliance within the part's required
		features, tolerances, and dimensions.
С.		Following the setup plan, machine was verified for function and safety as necessary for
		hand-off or startup. Demonstrated effective communication skills at hand-off.
d.		Parts were inspected under setup conditions and on an on-going production basis without
		contaminating good/bad parts.
е.		Current prints and tangible part features, characteristics and processes met specified or
		implied needs as per usability, reliability, maintainability, and economics.
f.		Candidate showed ability to link <i>cause and effect</i> in simple to moderately complex
		problems and dig for root cause skillfully to isolate or correct the problem.
g.		All shop, safety, environmental, and housekeeping practices were followed.

PART NUMBER USED FOR THIS SKILL CHECK:

COMMENTS

Setup Non-CNC Press Brake

Candidate:		
Examiner:		
Signatures:		Date:
	(Examiner/Advisor)	
		Date:
	(Monitor/Trainer)	
		Date:
	(Candidate)	



Examiner's CHECKLIST SKILL CHECK #3 Setup, Operate & Maintain a Non-CNC Press Brake

Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
START DATE:		Yes	No	NA
	A - PRE-SETUP, JOB PLANNING & STAGING			
1. Plan Setup	• Print/drawings (or controlling documents) obtained, reviewed and matched to job code or setup specifications. (C)			
	 Print/drawings current and any print revisions noted and acknowledged. 			
	 Inspection sheet(s) pulled and quality requirements acknowledged. 			
	 Part dimensions recognized and verified against print/QC chart specifications. (C) 			
	 Machine selected has the capacity to undertake the process and is available to complete the job. 			
	 Brake checked for integrity of calibration (ram, back/side gages, etc.). (C) 			
	 Verified availability of tooling, accessories, and raw material/blanks. 			
	 Bend sequence plan verified (only if existing) so part will not crash into machine. 			
	 Tooling selected/obtained, verified for function, and laid out at job site for installation. 			
	 Tooling clean and not damaged (no nicks, burrs, bends, cracks, etc.). 			
	• Tool lengths appropriate for the job. (C)			
	• Punch radius/radii appropriate for the job.			
	• Punch types and styles (i.e., gooseneck, straight, etc.) appropriate for the process.			
	• Die openings established for the job (i.e., section lengths, V-openings, etc.). (C)			
	 Proper gage styles determined (i.e., flip, pin, finger, etc.). 			
	• Precision measurement instruments and devices staged and verified for calibration (tags/stickers current).			
	• No loose objects, scrap, or debris lying in or around machine or workstation.			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	A - PRE-SETUP, JOB PLANNING & STAGING Continued			
2. Remove Previous Job and Clean Machine	 All previous tooling removed in closed-gap ram position without damaging tool or holder. Old tools were separated and stored to the previous job. 			
	 Damaged tooling identified and prepared for refurbishing. 			
	 All gages, parts, scrap, and documentation from previous job removed from setup site. 			
3. Verify and Stage Raw Material/Blanks	• Material matched setup plan (type, metallurgy, OAL, width, thickness, finish, etc.). (C)			
	 Material tag/ID controlled. P/N and revision level matched to print. Sufficient raw material at job site. Demonstrated ability transporting or ordering raw materials to job site. 			
	 Part/scrap containers/pallets in correct positions. 			
	B- SETUP PRESS BRAKE, TOOLING			
4. Setup Press Brake	 ACCESSORIES & CONTROLS Existing bend sequence and direction layout obtained and verified for process. (C) or New bend sequence created and verified for 			
	process (determined gage parameters, flange lengths, angles, special features, bend direction, and sequence, etc.). (C)			
	 Brake energized (flywheel moving and ram will move when activated). 			
	• Ram correctly positioned at bottom of stroke during tool changeover.			
	• Machine and die area clean and no foreign objects in tool assembly.			
	 Punch installed flush and securely set into position with die. 			
	 Die centered and secured in place. Tip of punch aligned and centered in die (left-			
	 right). Tooling depth set to accommodate material thickness and part angles. 			
	 Ram returned to top position. 			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	B- SETUP PRESS BRAKE, TOOLING			
	ACCESSORIES & CONTROLS Continued			
Setup Press Brake Continued	• Back gage stop set and oriented to raw material (CNC or manual).			
	• Back gage height and finger location established (CNC or manual).			
	• Side stops installed and set to part			
	 specifications. 1st angle made and adjusted for initial 			
	 conformance. 1st flange made and adjusted for initial 			
	 conformance. 2nd flange made and adjusted for initial 			
	 conformance. Remaining angles and/or flanges bent in sequence and adjusted for initial conformance. First article (4 angles/2 flange lengths) formed. 			
	• Part orientation, tooling clearances, bend sequence, angles, and flange dimensions tested,			
	 established, and verified for repeatability. Tooling clearance accommodated part movement during all handing operations. 			
	 movement during all bending operations. Demonstrated ability manipulating and handling raw material. 			
	 Hands/fingers kept clear of ram and secondary pinch points. (C) 			
	• Ram speed-change adjusted and cycle mode set.			
	• Safety devices/guards installed and verified for function. (C)			
	• Setup articles brought to and staged at inspection area.			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	C – INSPECT FIRST ARTICLE/PARTS AND VERIFY PRESS BRAKE FOR FUNCTION			
 Inspect First Article/Setup Samples Using Hand Held 	• Bend sequence and orientation conformed to part characteristics ("part looks like print") based on visual inspection.			
Measuring Devices	• OAL in conformance with part specifications.			
	• Cosmetic attributes and finish met quality requirements (no cracking, tool marks, rough finish, etc.).			
	• Part angles/radii conformed to print specifications and tolerances.			
	• Flange orientation, lengths, squareness, parallelism, and perpendicularity conformed to print specifications.			
	• Other dimensions conformed to print specifications (e.g., <i>hole-to-hole</i>).			
	 Process adjusted until part is in conformance. (C) 			
	 Achieved reliable part compliance and/or notified proper authority of any non- conformance issues. (C) 			
	• Inspection documentation completed accurately and legibly.			
	• Setup documentation completed and submitted in a timely manner (includes "sign-offs").			
	• First article/sample parts approved for production run (Press brake is production-ready).			
	 Demonstrated expert ability using and reading hand-held precision measuring instruments. (C) 			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	D - PRODUCTION OPERATIONS & PROCESS CONTROL			
6. Operate Press Brake and Make Quality Piece-Parts	• Arms, hands, and fingers kept clear of ram and all secondary pinch points. (C)			
Make Quality Free Faits	• Material continuously fed flat and against all stops. (C)			
(Setup candidate must operate machine and make piece-parts, on an on going basis up to the	 Demonstrated correct feed and follow through technique (no back or forward bending of part/material). (C) 			
1 st in-process part inspection)	• Adhered to verified bending sequence and direction layout (no crashes). (C)			
	 No excessive vibrations, squealing, or smoke present (<i>Yes = these conditions were not present</i>). 			
	• Tooling or press brake was not damaged during			
	 operations. (C) Piece-parts carefully removed from die/tool area 			
	after completion of bending sequence.Finished piece-parts placed (or			
	 stacked/palletized) in proper holder/container. Piece-parts correctly packed (no damage to 			
	finished parts during operations or transfer).Piece-parts/finished container tagged for			
	traceability.No bad/defective piece-parts mixed with good			
	 parts (<i>Yes = no cross-contamination occurred</i>). (C) Percentage of scrap (or re-work) within 			
	 acceptable standards. Work area kept clean and organized during run. Ovality parts made on a continuous basis to % 			
	• Quality parts made on a continuous basis to % productivity standards (e.g., " <i>parts-perminute</i> ") up to the first <i>in-process</i> QC inspection.			
7. Inspect Parts <i>In-Process</i>	• Executed 1 st in-process part inspection in			
Using Hand-Held Precision Measurement Devices	 accordance with inspection/quality plan. (C) Bend sequence conformed to part characteristics ("part still looks like the print") 			
₿ø.	 ("part still looks like the print"). Surface finish (I/O) not scratched or damaged. 			
Second Required Part	• Cosmetic attributes and finish met quality specifications (features conformed to print).			
Inspection	• Part angles and orientation conformed to print specifications. (C)			
	• Flange lengths and orientation in conformance with dimensional and directional specifications.			



Process Steps	Process-Product Standards			
		Yes	No	NA
	D - PRODUCTION OPERATIONS & PROCESS CONTROL <i>Continued</i>			
Inspect Parts In-Process Using Hand-Held Precision Measurement Devices	• Flange squareness, perpendicularity, and/or parallelism conformed to dimensional standards and part characteristics. (C)			
Continued	• Other critical dimensions in-conformance with quality control chart or standards (i.e., OAL, hole-to-hole, height, setbacks, etc.).			
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	 provided or requested). *See Part 2 Lubricate/coolant levels @ indicated marks for smooth and continuous operation. *See Part 2 No unusual poisses oders, smoke on excession 			
	 No unusual noises, odors, smoke, or excessive vibrations (Yes = these conditions were not present). 			
DATE FINSIHED:	 Machine production ready or safely shutdown. Floor clean, dry and free of debris. 			

End of Skill Check 3, Part 1



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g.		All shop, safety, environmental, and housekeeping practices were followed.

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COMMENTS

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Examiner:		
Signatures:		Date:
	(Examiner/Advisor)	Date
_		Date:
	(Monitor/Trainer)	
-	(Candidate)	Date:



Part 2

Opportunity, situational, or simulated demonstrations	In-Process Opportunity Observations	Done Successfully	Not Performed
TROUBLESHOOT IN-PROCESS OPERATIONS	To be credentialed at Level III, the candidate must successfully demonstrate troubleshooting abilities in at least <u>10</u> of the following situations. (Identify and respond to the condition, diagnose symptoms, and isolate the cause of the problem)		NA
	1. Assess why tooling is not making contact over the entire length of the flange or bend.	1.	1.
	 Determine why "back bending" is occurring. Determine why a back gage CNC program cannot be edited or revised. 	2.	2. □ 3. □
	 Determine why a pre-existing feature is deformed. Determine why an angle or flange is out of specification. Determine why equipment is over heating. Determine why the RAM is not stopping @ TDC. Determine why the "cosmetics" of the part are not 	4. 5. 6. 7. 8.	4. □ 5. □ 6. □ 7. □ 8. □
	 acceptable. 9. Determine why the RAM will not complete a cycle. 10. Determine why the RAM will not cycle or move. 11. Determine why oil or coolant is leaking. 12. Diagnose an equipment "no-start" condition. 13. Diagnose why a part is not making contact with the back or side gages. 	9.	9. □ 10. □ 11. □ 12. □ 13. □
	 Diagnose why an angle is not consistent over the length of the bend. Diagnose why press brake is smoking or shaking. Diagnose why tooling is breaking, bending, or cracking. Diagnose why tooling is going out of alignment. 	14. 🗖 15. 🗖 16. 🗖 17. 🗖	14. 🗖 15. 🗖 16. 🗖 17. 🗖
	 Evaluate why a CNC back gage will not move. Isolate the cause of changing/varying part dimensions. Isolate the cause of excessive scrap or re-work. Isolate the cause of excessive tool marks on a part. 	18. □ 19. □ 20. □ 21. □	18. □ 19. □ 20. □ 21. □
	 Respond to "belt squeal." Respond to a tooling crash. Respond to an out-of-square flange. Respond to changing thickness, coating, or hardness of raw material that is negatively effecting the process. 	22. □ 23. □ 24. □ 25. □	22. □ 23. □ 24. □ 25. □



Opportunity, PM, situational, or simulated demonstrations	Opportunity Observations for Corrective Actions	Done Successfully	Not Performed
PM EQUIPMENT & MAINTAIN IN- PROCESS OPERATIONS	To be credentialed at Level III, the candidate must successfully demonstrate at least <u>7</u> maintenance work activities from the following task list.	Yes	NA
OPERATIONS	 Adjust a drive belt, chain, or pulley (for speed, tension or alignment). Adjust/edit back gage CNC software pre-sets. Calibrate a precision measurement instrument (e.g., micrometer). Change an indicator light on a display panel. Change/clean air filters. Check and fill oil or coolant reservoirs. Drain water or oil trap. Grease <i>EZ</i>-access fittings or bearings. Grease Clevis pins. Lockout and tagout equipment (elec. and mech.). Lubricate back gage rails. Replace a sight glass. Replace <i>EZ</i>-access, low voltage fuses. Reset a breaker or overload (one shot). Square (or re-calibrate) a back/side gage. 	1.	1. □ 2. □ 3. □ 4. □ 5. □ 6. □ 7. □ 8. □ 9. □ 10. □ 11. □ 12. □ 13. □ 14. □ 15. □ 16. □
	 Tighten flanges and fittings. Makeup and install a new hose. Tighten/torque nuts and bolts. Unjam a stuck part or material from tool and/or RAM. 	17. 🗖 18. 🗖 19. 🗖 20. 🗖	17. 🗖 18. 🗖 19. 🗖 20. 🗖



COMMENTS

Troubleshoot and Maintain Non-CNC Press Brake

Candidate:		
Examiner:		
Signatures:	(Examiner/Advisor)	Date:
_	(Monitor/Trainer)	Date:
_	(Candidate)	Date:

Machine Models/Manufacturer(s) Used for Troubleshooting & Maintenance



Affidavit of Successful Completion

NIMS Level III Non-CNC Press Brake Credentialing Program

Credentialing Achievement Record

Candidate Name	Reg. No.	Date Completed:	
The credentialing candidate named above has completed all necessary CAR requ	irements for NIMS <u>Level</u>	<u>IIII</u> OJT recognition.	
Site Name and Address: Site No.			

Indicate in the number of Skill Checks completed and dates of successful performance for each Skill Check

Duty Cluster Name SETUP NON-CNC PRESS BRAKE	Required Skill Checks	Number of Skill Checks Completed
	3	
Successful Skill Check Attempt #1	Date:	
Successful Skill Check Attempt #2	Date:	
Successful Skill Check Attempt #3	Date:	
Work activity experience-eligibility statements have been completed, dated, and co-initialed.	Yes 🗖	No 🗖

Site Coordinator/Manager Signature

Supervisor/Trainer Signature

Candidate Signature

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Date

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