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PROFILE - Expert Independent Vehicle Inspection & Appraisal Professional

Seasoned professional and effectual vehicle inspector with a proven ability to provide exceptional and unbiased inspection results:

- 25 Years of automotive service, heavy equipment maintenance, and inspection services
- Automotive technology instructor of engine, electrical, suspension and braking systems
- Vehicle body, interior, mechanical and electrical troubleshooting expert
- Opined on over 500 lemon law, misrepresentation, and dealer fraud cases
- Qualified in multiple courts and states as an Expert Vehicle Inspector and Appraiser
- Specializing in Lemon Law, Misrepresentation, Cause of Failure, Improper Repairs
- Member of several automotive and community-based associations

COURT QUALIFICATIONS

I am experienced in class action litigation and currently have three other active class cases. I have been qualified as a mechanical, electrical, structural and valuation expert in automotive, heavy-duty trucks, recreational vehicles and watercraft in multiple counties and multiple states as well as Federal Court.

- Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
- American Arbitration Association
- Buchanan County, Missouri
- Bucks County, Pennsylvania
- Cape May County, New Jersey
- Cook County, Illinois
- Dane County, Wisconsin
- Federal Court Louisiana
- Jefferson County, Missouri
- Lake County, Illinois
- Middlesex County, New Jersey
- Monroe County, Pennsylvania
- Saint Louis County, Missouri
- Sangamon County, Illinois
- St. Charles County, Missouri
- Sussex County, New Jersey
- United States Arbitration & Mediation

EMPLOYMENT - Experienced

July 2009 - Current

Principle & Senior Consultant - TDT Vehicle Inspection Services, INC

TDT is a mobile vehicle inspection and appraisal services company serving Saint Louis, Springfield, and Southern Illinois areas, designed to help used vehicle buyers make educated purchasing decisions by providing the consumer with the knowledge of the true overall vehicle condition.

- Performing hundreds of vehicle inspections on exotic, luxury, collector cars, and commercial vehicles yearly
- Appraising, researching and evaluation of used car, collector and antique vehicles, motorhomes as well as commercial vehicles
- Providing independent inspections in cases of warranty, lemon law, and misrepresentation
- Qualified in both Illinois and Missouri Courts as an Expert Vehicle Inspector and Appraiser

Aug 2014 - October 2015

Tire Care Service Manager / Facilities Maintenance Mgr - Loves Travel Stops

Daily duties associated with running a full-service mechanical diesel and tire shop including but not limited to day-to-day paperwork, parts, and supplies ordering, purchasing, inventory control and personnel management.

- Tire and wheel sales and installation as well as repairs
- Preventive maintenance
- General repairs such as suspension, brakes, steering, light engine and transmission, driveline and electrical repairs
- Roadside emergency breakdown repair

May 2014 - Aug 2014

Level III Bus Mechanic – First Student Transportation

- Bus Preventive Maintenance
- Vehicle Inspections
- Mechanical Repairs

January 2013 - May 2014

Automotive & Diesel Technology Instructor / Program Director - Vatterott College

Teach young inspiring automotive technicians the principles of automobile repair using the latest diagnostic equipment and repair methods in a shop environment.

- Automotive and Commercial Truck Hydraulic and Air Brake Systems Troubleshooting and Repair
- Suspension & Steering Systems Troubleshooting & Repair
- Engine Performance & Electronics Troubleshooting & Repair

- Transmission & Driveline Troubleshooting Rebuild & Repair
- Heating & Cooling Troubleshooting & Repair

Sep 2005 - Oct 2010

Mobile Vehicle Inspector - AutoVIN Incorporated (Adesa Auto Auctions Inc.)

- Represented Cars on Auction Block at Auto Auctions
- Performed 1500 lease return vehicle inspections with zero faults
- Provided pre-purchase and pre-sale vehicle inspections for eBay Escrow Services

Jan 2004 - Jul 2005

Maintenance Mgr. / Central Warranty Administrator - Beelman Truck Company

- Increased maintenance facility efficiency by 30%
- Supervised & trained technicians at 14 locations

Sep 1997 - Oct 2003

Vehicle Repair Technician - the United States Armed Forces

- Served 3 military active-duty deployments Bosnia, Kuwait, Iraq
- Inspected, troubleshoot, and repaired all types of light / heavy duty vehicles
- Full vehicle repair on commercial trucks including engines, transmission, steering, suspension, brakes, and electrical systems
- Maintained a turbine engine supply 99% readiness rate for over a year straight
- Supervised 15 technicians at the only on-base turbine repair facility

Jan 1988 - Sep 1997

Auto Body Apprentice / Technician - Family-Owned Body Shop

- Write damage estimates
- Perform body/paint repair on new and antique vehicles
- Design, build and repair dirt track stock cars

EDUCATION - Continuing Education

- ASE Mastering Timing Drive Systems Feb 2025
- ASE DANA Servicing DANA MH Truck Axles and Drivelines Jan 2025
- ASE Permatex Engine Building Sealing Tips Nov 2024
- American Society of Appraisers (ASA) 15 Hour USPAP Certified June 2024
- ASE Ignition Coil-On-Plug Diagnostics and Tips March 2024
- ASE Diesel Emissions Tampering Proper Maintenance & Repair Feb 2024
- ASE OBDII Data Reading Between the Lines (Part 2) Feb 2024
- ASE Keep the Current Flowing Low Voltage Battery Trends & Service Updates Feb 2024
- ASE EV Charging & High Voltage Cooling Jan 2024
- ASE OBDII Data Reading Between the Lines (Part 1) Jan 2024

- Garage Gurus / ASE Electric Vehicle (EV) Service Jan 2024
- ASE Diesel Aftermarket Systems Dec 2023
- United States Environmental Protection Agency / ASE Understanding the EPA's Clean Trucks Plan - Dec 2023
- Standard Motor Products / ASE Diesel Aftermarket Systems Dec 2023
- ITW Evercoat Pre-Paint Operating Procedures for Increased Productivity Dec 2023
- Standard Motor Products / ASE Air Conditioning Leak Detection Methods Sep 2023
- Standard Motor Products / ASE Diagnostics & Modern Serpentine Belt Systems Sep 2023
- Standard Motor Products / ASE Paint Operation Improvements May 2023
- I-CAR AC Tools & Equipment March 2023
- I-CAR Aftermarket Collision Replacement Part Considerations March 2023
- ATG Electronics Diagnostics Update DVOM & Lab Scopes Feb 2023
- ATG Variable Valve Timing Diagnostics Oct 2021
- ATG 5 Gas Analysis Certification Sept 2021
- ATG Catalytic Converter Diagnostics Certification- Sept 2021
- ATG Domestic Diesel Emissions Certification Sept 2021
- ATG Hybrid / Electric Vehicle Certified Nov 2019
- NRVIA Level II Certified RV Inspector July 2018
- GTO AA Certified Judge June 2018
- ASCAA Certified Vehicle Appraiser June 2016
- Associates Degree in Marketing at Southwestern Illinois College June 2012
- Inter-Industry Conference Auto Collision Repair (I-CAR) PL3 Structural Technician June 2013
- Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Master Certified Automotive & HD Trucks 2010
- National Auto Auction Association (NAAA) Frame / Unibody Structural Inspector May 2007
- Federal Mogul and National Wheel End and Seals Certification 2005

MEMBERSHIPS / VOLUNTEERISM - Well Connected

- Diesel Technology Program Consultant for Ranken Technical College
- Automotive Technology Program Consultant for Kaskaskia College
- Member of the AERA Engine Builders Association
- Mentor to 10 Automotive and Diesel Technicians in the Local Area
- Rookie Rides Advisory Board Member- 2023
- ASA Automotive Service Association Member 2022
- Midwest Auto Car Alliance Member 2019
- Classic Car Club of America 2017
- GTO Association of America (GTO AA) Concours Certified Judge 2017

AWARDS - Trustworthy

- Outstanding Marketing Student & Presidents Award Southwestern Illinois College 2012
- Twice Awarded the AAM Army Achievement Medal 1999, 2002
- Twice Awarded the GCA Army Good Conduct Award 2000, 2003
- ARCOM Army Accommodation Medal 2001
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal 1999, 2001

- Three Times Awarded the ASDB Army Safe Driver's Badge 2000, 2002
- OAMB Outstanding Army Mechanics Badge 2002
- Three Times Awarded NATO Ribbon Bosnia, Kuwait, Iraq 1999, 2001, 2003
- Iraq Campaign Medal w/ Bronze Star 2003