

The Meadville
Tribune

Top in the Shop



Name: Derrick Bish

Job Title:

Journeyman Toolmaker

Job Description:

Program and operate any equipment in the company

Company you work for:

Sipco Molding Technologies

Company Web site: www.sipco.com

Years worked in your trade: 9

Age: 27

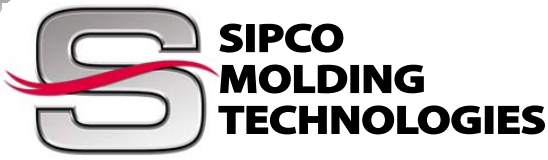
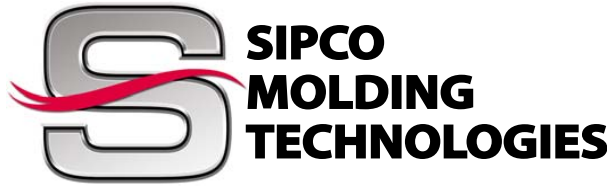
Why did you choose this field:

"It interested me to be able to look at a drawing and create the part with my own hands. I didn't think college was for me, so I was looking for an option that would provide a good income. This was a natural fit for me."

Derrick became interested in Tool and Die when he visited the Vo-Tech in the ninth grade.

He was seeking a career that would provide a good income, and did not feel that college was right for him.

Tool and Die peaked his interest, as Derrick enjoys the self-satisfaction of looking at a drawing and creating the end part in metal with his own hands. After graduation from Conneaut Valley High School and the Vo-Tech Tool and Die Program, Derrick completed his Toolmaker apprenticeship at Sipco. He continues to cross train as new technologically advanced equipment is introduced at Sipco. Derrick also has completed skill credentials through the National Institute of Metalworking Standards to compliment his on the job training. Derrick's diversity and desire to learn has earned him a place at the Top of the Shop at Sipco Molding Technologies.



Sipco Molding Technologies designs and manufactures precision tooling and provides related machining services supplying the electronic, medical and consumer products industries. Sipco's personnel are dedicated problem solvers who continually adapt to changing technology.

Year company founded: 1959 **Nominating people and title:** Cell Leader & Production Management Team
Reason for nomination: Diversity and desire to learn

Did you Know...

The NTMA Education Foundation will be offering five (5) scholarships for the 2006 year for high school graduates. This week's featured scholarship is the Bob Perkins Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship memorializes Bob Perkins. Bob was a great supporter of the NTMA and the manufacturers of Meadville. It is the NTMA Education Foundation's hope that the scholarship winner will continue Bob's commitment to the local tool, die and manufacturing industry. Applicants must be willing to complete a short essay answering why you are interested in a career in the tool and die industry. Deadline for scholarship submittal is May 1, 2006. Interested students/graduates should visit the NTMA website at www.nwpa-ntma.com for scholarship information.

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