



A CONCRETE PUMP OPERATOR is a skilled machine operator typically working on construction job sites. As opposed to a crane operator, who may go to one job site for six months or a year, a pump operator typically goes to one or even two different job sites per day. Duties include controlling the operation of the pump and the output of concrete by directing the boom. They are also responsible for getting the machine to and from the job site and making sure the pump is ready for the next job. As one recently interviewed operator put it: “They give me a giant machine with a remote control and 400 horses that makes a lot of noise—what’s not to love?”

REWARDS:

- Competitive higher-than-average compensation
- Opportunities for advancement
- Long-term employment
- Benefits packages typically include: health care, retirement, paid vacation time and life insurance
- Ability to locate or relocate easily

WHAT IS A CONCRETE PUMPER?

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be willing to learn and comprehend the operation of a concrete pump as well as some basic mechanics that may be involved in order to keep the pump in good working condition. An operator must also have good customer-relation skills and the ability to problem solve under pressure. Although not a pre-requisite for initial hire, a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) will be required. Most employers can help you obtain your license or you can contact your state Bureau of Motor Vehicles for more information.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SUCCESSFUL PUMP OPERATOR:

Pump operators come in all sizes and shapes; there is no one type of operator. The best ones, though, are calm and thoughtful as opposed to nervous and excitable. They can communicate well with others and like to work outdoors and have an infinite variety in their workdays. They’re easy to get along with, and conscious of the effects their actions have on other workers. Physical requirements are: normal vision and hearing, and the ability to lift and carry pipes and clamps. Some mechanical aptitude is very helpful, but not required.. Common sense is more important than book learning, and a positive attitude carries a lot of weight.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Drive the pump in a safe and conscientious manner to the job site and back to the yard.
- Operate the pump in a safe and conscientious manner, set up system, and clean out the pump after the job.
- Light repair of pumps: Some maintenance is required. Know the pump well enough to recognize problems and report them.
- Customer relations: Represent the Company through efficient work and courteous service.
- Keep unit clean: Keep the pump and truck washed and free of concrete and grease. Keep system free of concrete.
- Yard: Return system after use to appropriate location in yard. Keep yard neat and orderly.
- Paperwork: Complete and submit pump inspection forms, job ticket and maintenance forms. Keep an accurate timecard of time worked.
- Physical Demands:
 - Must be able to meet DOT requirements for hearing and seeing.
 - Must be able to verbally communicate to others.
 - Good manual dexterity to climb on and around the pump in all weather conditions common to the area of the country.
 - Must be able to lift up to 75 pounds to overhead position.
 - Must be able to push and pull up to 50 pounds.
 - Must have the balance and dexterity to maneuver around a construction site, and must enjoy working outdoors in all weather conditions.
 - Must be drug and alcohol free.

Note: These are only examples of a typical Concrete Pump Operator Job description. Duties and responsibilities may vary by individual employer.

