Control Specialist

GAF is a leader in the United States roofing industry and is part of the largest roofing and waterproofing business in the world. GAF depends on diverse, equitable, and inclusive teams that work within the business and across the industry, and control specialists are at the center of that teamwork.

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Day to day, control specialists at GAF work with data and run reports to make sure that the production lines are working efficiently, share reports and important data with other teams in the business, and integrate themselves into the industry to act as resources for others. They are self-starters who are technically curious, great at communicating, and interested in improving processes inside the manufacturing plant to achieve goals.

IS CONTROL SPECIALIST A GOOD CAREER FOR ME?

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<th>Me</th>
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<td>I have a curious mind. I like to predict and solve big problems.</td>
<td>Control specialists are complex problem-solvers.</td>
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<td>I am interested in school subjects like technology and math.</td>
<td>Control specialists study computer science, advanced mathematics, and statistics.</td>
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<td>I am good at collecting, analyzing, and communicating data.</td>
<td>Control specialists work with data and statistics every day.</td>
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<td>I am interested in how machines work and love learning new technology.</td>
<td>Control specialists are lifelong learners who are gifted at working with both machines and technology.</td>
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<td>I enjoy explaining things. I like working with others.</td>
<td>Control specialists are strong communicators. They enjoy working in teams.</td>
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STUDENT ACTIVATION (CONTINUED)

How does this career help me?

It’s not every day that families need supplies and services like roofing and waterproofing, but when they do, they want to know that the product they are using was made correctly and is up to the best standards. GAF control specialists work within their teams and the industry to ensure that their plant is always working properly.

How does this career help the world?

When communities suffer natural disasters, companies like GAF are there to help rebuild. The work of a control specialist in making sure that the production line is working properly and that teams are functioning cohesively ensures that aid can be where it is needed most!

What are some similar careers?

Supply chain specialists monitor the day-to-day processes involved in transporting goods between the manufacturer and the consumer. They manage product development, supervise transportation, and monitor inventory and availability.

Inventory analysts analyze inventory statistics and company finances to determine which products are selling the most and are most profitable. They manage the inventory operations and organization.

Here are ways to practice the skills to be a successful control specialist:

• Take a mechanics or auto-tech class and pay attention to the small details in building, running, and troubleshooting machines.

• Think of something in your life that doesn’t run smoothly. It could be getting ready and out of the house every morning or getting all your homework and chores done to get to bed on time every evening. Write down what you currently do and then analyze it to see where there is potential for more efficiency. Write a new plan and follow it to see if things run more smoothly.

• Think of something your family does the "old fashioned way"—maybe they still use a paper calendar or leave notes for each other taped to the door. Research or take a course on a new form of technology that could help your family be more efficient or effective. Train your family on how to use this new method and, after a week or two, analyze its effectiveness.