

Jeffrey P. Routzahn Bio

I have been in manufacturing for over 25 years. Born in Connersville, Indiana, I attended Indiana University in Richmond, Indiana graduating with an Associate Degree in Business Management in 1978. I later graduated from California Coast University in Santa Ana, California, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Management. I also was trained and received my Six Sigma Greenbelt in 2003.



My career started with Design and Manufacturing Corporation in 1978 in a quality control position and I began my paint career in 1980 when I was promoted into an electro-deposition technician position. I left Design and Manufacturing Corporation in 1988 to take the position of Division Finishing Engineer for York Products out of Houston, Texas. I left York in 1990 to take a Project Engineering Position with the Frigidaire Company to upgrade their paint operations. In the mid 1990's I managed a couple of paint operations, broadening my background. I then took a Manufacturing Engineering Position for Hayes Lemmerz International in Huntington, Indiana, in 1998. I remained with Hayes until February 2009 when Hayes closed the last of their cast aluminum facilities in the United States.

My expertise is in process control, paint operations, line troubleshooting, environmental management, pretreatment, electro-deposition, powder paint, and liquid paint. My Six Sigma and Lean Manufacturing training allow me to use these tools to improve operations using statistical means. I have worked in facilities that manufactured or painted products for the appliance, automotive, funeral, and general metals industries. I excel at leading Manage by Fact and Kaizen teams that drive process improvements and measurably reduces costs.