

Forensic Engineering & Consulting

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# **EDUCATION**

1991	Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama
2001	Master of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
	ASM International Certifications
2012	Applied General Metallurgy Welding Metallurgy
2013	Ferrous Metallurgy
2019	Corrosion – Chemical and Elevated Temperature

# **EXPERIENCE**

June 1995	Engineering Design & Testing Corp.
to Present	Columbia, South Carolina

Consulting Engineer Vehicle Analysis Group Coordinator (November 2004 – Present) District Engineering Manager (July 2005 – October 2010) Laboratory Manager (August 2013 – Present) Engineering Analysis of mechanical systems including fracture and failure of analysis of machinery components and systems. Metallurgical analysis and processing including physical and mechanical testing. Failure analysis of materials, metals and ceramics. Supervision of materials testing and metallurgical laboratory facility.

Specialized consulting in the reconstruction of vehicle accidents involving light and heavy vehicles, mechanical evaluation of hydraulic and pneumatic braking systems, analysis of vehicle and occupant dynamics, and analysis of reportedly stolen vehicles. Specialized consulting in the area of failure of mechanical components and mechanical systems. Analyses include analytical investigations, acceleration and deceleration of vehicles, failure of vehicle components, analysis of collision speed, and motion analysis of vehicles and occupants, as well as the determination of the origin and cause of vehicle and machinery fires. Analyses also include failure analysis of mechanical components and mechanical systems.

# January 1992American Koyo Bearing Manufacturing Corporationto May 1995Orangeburg, South Carolina

#### Project Engineer

Experience in the layout of production lines and placement of machines at a new production facility. Assisted in the sizing and placement of all support equipment including compressed air, coolant, power, and scrap handling. Responsibilities also included supervision of facility wide projects for improved parts handling, process expansion or modification and plant expansion. Also rendered technical drawings in support of these projects. Experience in the design of machinery utilized in the handling of in process bearing components.

#### Manufacturing Engineer

Experience in maintaining and improving bearing manufacturing processes. Responsibilities included testing new grinding wheels and stones for grinding processes, testing new tooling for forging processes, testing new machinery to evaluate its effectiveness, establishing processes and procedures for the manufacture of bearing components, and developing new manufacturing techniques for bearing components including new equipment design and equipment modification.

#### June 1990 Ethyl (Albemarle) Chemical Corporation to September 1990 Research and Development Department Orangeburg, South Carolina

#### Summer Intern

Experience in process design for the manufacture of products used in the manufacture of gasoline additives and pharmaceuticals.

# May 1988Firestone Tire and Rubber Companyto December 1991Albany, Georgia

Experience in the adjustment of damaged tires, mounting and balancing of tires, vehicle maintenance and repair.

# **REGISTRATIONS and CERTIFICATIONS**

National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (#17-068-02) Registered Professional Engineer in Alabama (#22569-PE) Registered Professional Engineer in California (#M 39390) Registered Professional Engineer in Florida (#53097) Registered Professional Engineer in Georgia (#PE024768) Registered Professional Engineer in Missouri (#2018000462) Registered Professional Engineer in North Carolina (#024138) Registered Professional Engineer in South Carolina (#18911) Registered Professional Engineer in Tennessee (#123770) Registered Professional Engineer in Texas (#135968) Registered Professional Engineer in Virginia (#38478) Registered Professional Engineer in West Virginia (#18494)

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) ASM International (ASM) ASTM International (ASTM)

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Case Studies in Graphitic Corrosion of Cast Iron Pipe*, Journal of Failure Analysis & Prevention, <u>https://rdcu.be/ccX3F</u>, January 2021, with Tim A. Jur, Anthony A. Yurko III, Ronald L. Windham, James R. Grey Jr.

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

2019 *Welding Inspection and Quality Control*, ASM International (ASM International Education Department)

Human-Machine Interfaces, EDT Technical Session, Charlotte, North Carolina

*Construction Engineering: A Focus on the Use of Cranes in Construction Operations*, EDT Technical Session, Charlotte, North Carolina

2018 Industrial Plant Process Controls, EDT Technical Session, Orlando, Florida

*Metallurgy for the Non-Metallurgist and Its Use in Root Cause/Damage Assessments*, EDT Technical Session, Orlando, Florida

Basic Fatigue Analysis, EDT Technical Session, Orlando, Florida

2017 Corrosion, ASM International (ASM International Education Department)

*Technologies Review of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and Their Uses*, EDT Technical Session, Albuquerque, New Mexico

2015 *3D Laser Scanner Operational Training*, FARO Technologies, Lake Mary, Florida

Materials Science & Technology (MS&T) Conference 2015, Columbus, Ohio

2014 *Advanced Metallographic Techniques*, ASM International (ASM International Education Department), Metals Park, Ohio

*Understanding Stress and Strain within Induction Heating Applications*, ASM International (ASM International Education Department)

- 2013 *Introduction to Heat Treating*, ASM International (ASM International Education Department) *Stainless Steel,* ASM International (ASM International Education Department)
- 2012 *Intermediate SMAW*, Midlands Technical College (Continuing Education Department), West Columbia, South Carolina

*Metallurgy of Welding and Joining*, ASM International (ASM International Education Department), North Charleston, South Carolina

2011 *Applied Vehicle Dynamics*, SAE International, Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., Duncan, South Carolina

*Basic SMAW*, Midlands Technical College (Continuing Education Department), West Columbia, South Carolina

Fractography, ASM International (ASM International Education Department), Materials Park, Ohio

- 2009 Basic Fatigue Analysis Design, EDT Technical Session, Birmingham, Alabama
- 2007 CDR Data Analyst, Collision Safety Institute, Largo, Florida Microstructure and Performance of Heat-Treated Steel, ASM/AIST Course, Birmingham, Alabama

- 2005 Principles of Failure Analysis, ASM International
- 2004 *NFPA 921, the Daubert Challenge and Expert Testimony: The New Rules SCIAAI,* Columbia, South Carolina

Vehicle Fire Investigation Seminar, SCIAAI, Columbia, South Carolina

- 2003 *Metallurgy for the Non-Metallurgist,* ASM International, Columbia, South Carolina NFPA 921, the Daubert Challenge and Expert Testimony: The New Rules SCIAAI, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2001 Tire & Wheel Safety Issues, SAE International, Greenville, South Carolina
- 2000 Investigation of Vehicle Fires Seminar, Lee S. Cole & Associates, Inc., Charleston, South Carolina
- 1999 Brakes and Design Safety, SAE Seminars, Lexington, Kentucky Vehicle Fire Investigation Seminar, SCIAAI, Columbia, South Carolina
- 1998 Commercial Vehicle Accident Investigation and Prevention Workshop, J.J. Keller & Associates, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina

Vehicle Fire Investigation Seminar, SCIAAI, Columbia, South Carolina

- 1997 Arson/Fire Origin Investigation and Arson Case Management, Columbia, South Carolina Bendix HVS Training Program in the Operation and Maintenance of Heavy-Duty Vehicle Air Components and Brake Systems, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1995 Accident Reconstruction I, The Traffic Institute, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois