

Senior Mechanical Design Engineer

Position Overview:

We are seeking a skilled and detail-oriented Senior Mechanical Designer to join our engineering team. The ideal candidate will have extensive experience in mechanical design, a strong technical background, and a passion for innovation. The Senior Mechanical Designer will be responsible for leading the design and development of complex mechanical systems and components, ensuring compliance with industry standards and customer requirements.

Key Responsibilities:

Design and Development:

- Create and develop detailed mechanical designs, models, and drawings using SolidWorks CAD software.
- Ensure designs meet project specifications, functionality, performance, and manufacturability requirements.
- Perform tolerance analysis, material selection, and stress calculations for mechanical components.
- Review of technical documentation and drawing checking.
- Specifying equipment and obtaining quotations

Project Leadership and Management:

- Lead internal and external design reviews and provide technical guidance to team members.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams including software/control engineers, electrical engineers, and technicians/manufacturing.
- Manage multiple projects, prioritise tasks, and ensure deadlines are met.
- Manage customers, suppliers and external services

Quality Assurance:

- Conduct prototype testing and validate designs against performance criteria.
- Identify and troubleshoot design issues, recommending and implementing solutions.
- Ensure compliance with industry regulations, standards, and safety guidelines.

Documentation:

- Prepare project proposals, timing plans and costings for potential projects
- Prepare and maintain detailed technical documentation, including BOMs, assembly instructions, user manuals, test procedures, risk assessments and UKCA compliance documentation.
- Maintain and update design databases and records.

Continuous Improvement:

- Stay up-to-date with advancements in mechanical design technology and industry trends.
- Identify opportunities for process improvement and cost optimisation in design and manufacturing.



Qualifications and Skills:

- Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Design, or a related field.
- 7+ years of experience in mechanical design, with a focus on manufactured parts and test rig design
- Proficiency in SolidWorks CAD.
- Strong knowledge of materials, manufacturing processes, and industry standards.
- Strong knowledge of GD&T.
- Experience with finite element analysis (FEA) and computational fluid dynamics (CFD) tools is a plus.
- Excellent problem-solving skills and attention to detail.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills.
- Ability to work independently and mentor junior designers.

Preferred Skills:

- Experience in industries such as aerospace, automotive, or R&D.
- Experience in pipework and framework fabrication design, including flange connection calculations
- Experience in producing P&ID's
- Awareness of electrical and software/control equipment

Work Environment:

This role involves working in an office setting, with occasional visits to manufacturing facilities or customer sites. Depending on project needs travel may be required, including overnight stays, to support/conduct testing, commissioning and site acceptance tests.

Company benefits

We offer a friendly working environment in Derby. Company benefits include:

- A competitive salary of £40k £60k based on experience
- Bonus scheme
- Competitive company pension contributions
- Private medical cover
- 25 days annual leave + bank holidays + discretionary Christmas shutdown
- 40 hour working week (primarily office based) with flexible working pattern

This position is ideal for a motivated individual who thrives in a collaborative, fast-paced environment and is eager to take on challenging and impactful projects.

Security clearance

Please note that Security clearance via Experian Background Checking Services will be required if the candidate is offered the role.

How to Apply

If you would like to join our team please send your CV to zoe@scitekconsultants.co.uk