



## MACHINE OPERATOR I

**Duties:** Metal and plastic machine workers typically do the following:

- Set up machines according to blueprints
- Monitor machines for unusual sound or vibration
- Insert material into machines, manually or with a hoist
- Operate metal or plastic molding, casting, or coremaking machines
- Adjust machine settings for temperature, cycle times, and speed and feed rates
- Remove finished products and smooth rough edges and imperfections
- Test and compare finished workpieces to specifications
- Remove and replace dull cutting tools
- Document production numbers in a computer database

*(See reverse for more information.)*

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Consumer products are made with many metal and plastic parts. These parts are produced by machines that are operated by metal and plastic machine workers. In general, these workers are separated into two groups: those who set up machines for operation and those who operate machines during production. Many workers, however, perform both tasks.

Although many workers both set up and operate machines, some may specialize in being a machine setter or a machine operator and tender.

### Quick Facts: Metal and Plastic Machine Workers

2017 Median Pay	\$35,400 per year \$17.02 per hour
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*Data obtained from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics published September 2018*  
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/production/metal-and-plastic-machine-workers.htm#tab-1>