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The People Behind the Scenes

The Lock Shop

Southern Folger succeeds in quality products and efficient turnaround times. This can only be achieved by hard-working employees and trusted teamwork. To understand how each department works and why they are efficient, the insider reached out to someone in each department to find out what they do every day to keep Southern Folger running smoothly. This month we looked at the Lock Shop and spoke to Southern Steel and Folger Adam Lead Rigoberto Huerta.



For Huerta's first month, he made motors for the 10120A, but he worked hard to move up. He worked on the neighboring lines which included FA120, Brinks, devices, and many more. His hard work paid off leading to promotions as material handler, trainer, and QC specialist. From there he advanced to his current position as Lock Shop Lead.

Teamwork in the lock shop is achieved by hard work and looking out for your fellow coworkers. This is the cornerstone of Huerta's duties. Daily, Huerta makes sure everyone has an assignment. These assignments help the lock shop employees maintain workflow as well keeps all employees learning. Huerta takes pride in making sure the shop floor is safe and functional. He says, "It's about what we can do to improve others rather than the other way around." Working with others, ensuring success, and lifting one another up is how Southern Folger keeps up with orders and projects.

Quality is what keeps the lock shop flowing. From Quality Control efforts, to constantly learning, the lock shop is all about working together to make sure their products are shipped in time and stand the test of time.

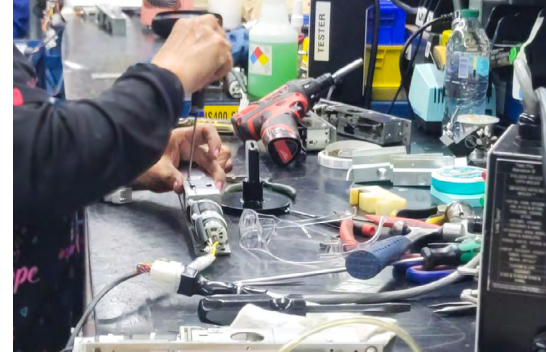
Huerta says that the lock shop cannot work as individuals. "We tackle a big task as a team and divide the work into bite sized pieces," Huerta says, "I think we show an example of how familiarity and togetherness motivates others to put in some elbow grease and get everyday tasks done."

Since acquiring R.R. Brink, the Lock Shop has had quite a project increase. But this hasn't put the Lock Shop down. As shipments have increased, so has the hard work by the team and its leaders. Although Huerta sites R.R. Brink as a hurdle, he says that they have succeeded in taking on Brink because of the efforts of the Lock Shop Leaders. In past articles on the Lock Shop, Manager Raquel Bueno said that yes, Brink has increased production, but the brand is only a piece of their work. Because of their efforts and their efficient assembly approach, R.R. Brink is now a seamless addition to the Southern Folger process.

With shop leaders such as Raquel, Johnny, and Gonzo, the Lock Shop team has the capable direction to help keep things moving forward. Huerta also sites Johnny Narvaz as a mentor who helped move his career forward and taught him how to be a strong leader.

Southern Folger relies on its employees, especially as we grow as a company. Come back to The Insider each month to get more behind the scenes from the people who make Southern Folger run efficiently. People like Rigoberto Huerta and this month's employee's spotlight Victoria Ybarra are only one part of a large, dedicated team that continues to make quality products.





A Safety Tip

From John Legros
Director of Safety

**“Safety isn’t expensive.
It’s priceless.”**

Although summer is coming to a close, we all know the Texas heat lingers. So don’t forget to stay hydrated! This is the last month of the summer hydration program so make sure visit the breezeway from 12-1 each day. You’ll find bottled water and Gatorade to help you keep cool. Once the program is over, remember to keep drinking plenty of water and electrolytes every day, no matter what time of year.



Summer
Hydration



Employee Spotlight

Congratulations to Victoria Ybarra



This month’s employee spotlight goes to Victoria Ybarra. Ybarra works in the shipping department, packaging orders and working with the materials department. She was selected for this month’s spotlight by Raquel Bueno who noted that her great communication skills and teamwork are what make her a great employee.

Bueno says that she is always willing to support her coworkers and takes pride in doing her job well. “She takes ownership by following up on and chasing orders to ensure they are completed on time,” Bueno says, “Her attention to detail, communication, teamwork, and commitment to getting the job done make her a valued member of the team.”

Locksmith Training Continues

At every training that Southern Folger has held this year, President Don Halloran greets trainees with a speech that highlights the willingness of Southern Folger to communicate directly with facilities.

This is one of the many reasons Southern Folger holds Locksmith training courses. During the courses, the trainees learn how to properly care for and maintain their locks and devices. This allows Southern Folger to communicate and work with our customers in a hands on capacity and allows us to hear the needs of our customers and work to ease those issues.

August's training course is the second to last of 2026, with one more coming up in October.



All of the courses this year have had full seats and eager trainees. As we near the last course of the year, there have been plenty of sign ups. The continuing sign ups shows us that our customers are just as interested in communicating with us as we are interested in communicating with them.



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