



Gunsmithing Machinist

Location: Wallingford, Connecticut

Mad Pig Customs is a premier custom gunsmithing operation and industry leader in lever-action firearms, NFA weapons, and precision firearms modification. We are credited with pioneering the Tactical Lever Gun movement and work directly with top OEM partners including Ruger/Marlin, Henry Repeating Arms, Smith & Wesson, and SilencerCo. We are seeking a skilled Gunsmithing Machinist to join our team and grow with us.

This is a rare opportunity to work alongside one of the most experienced gunsmiths and machinists in the industry — learning the specific craftsmanship, techniques, and tolerances that define world-class custom gunsmithing. For the right candidate, this position offers a direct apprenticeship path under an exceptionally skilled master gunsmith with decades of experience.

Position Overview

This position is available immediately as a full-time role (40 hours/week), with the option for part-time scheduling (minimum 20 hours/week) depending on the candidate's availability and skill level. Compensation is based on experience.

Key Responsibilities

- Operate a manual lathe to cut, contour, and thread rifle barrels to precise specifications
- Use a manual mill to cut dovetails, drill and tap holes, and perform general firearms metalwork
- Perform TIG welding on firearms components to precise specifications and finish standards
- Perform fit, finish, and assembly work on lever-action rifles, revolvers, and NFA/specialty firearms
- Read and interpret engineering drawings, blueprints, and technical specifications
- Maintain tight tolerances and quality standards consistent with custom gunsmithing work
- Support gunsmithing staff with machining tasks across a variety of firearms platforms
- Follow all ATF, state, and internal compliance requirements related to firearm handling and documentation
- Safely operate all manual and power tools in the shop environment

Required Qualifications

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Demonstrated ability to operate a manual lathe and manual mill — **this will be assessed during the interview process**
- Must be able to TIG weld — **a welding practical test will be administered as part of the hiring process**
- Ability to read and interpret blueprints and technical drawings
- Strong attention to detail and commitment to precision work

- Must possess a valid Connecticut Pistol Permit, or be able to obtain one within six months of hire
- Clean criminal record required — all candidates must pass a criminal background check
- Valid Connecticut driver's license
- Must comply with Mad Pig Customs drug-free workplace policy
- Physical ability to lift/move up to 50 lbs and perform tasks requiring fine motor skills

Preferred Qualifications

- Personal machinist tool set — ownership of personal tools is preferred, though all shop tooling and equipment is provided
- CAD experience (any platform) is a plus, though not required
- Prior gunsmithing experience or formal gunsmithing education
- Familiarity with lever-action, revolver, or NFA firearm platforms
- Military background or vocational/trade school training in machining

What We Offer

- Apprenticeship under an extremely experienced master gunsmith/machinist — a genuinely rare opportunity in this industry
- Hands-on work with some of the most unique and sought-after firearms in the market
- Full-time availability immediately; part-time option (minimum 20 hrs/week) also available
- Generous PTO program and extremely flexible scheduling
- All tools, tooling, and equipment provided — personal tool ownership preferred but not required
- Compensation based on experience
- A passionate, tight-knit team that takes pride in craftsmanship

Working Conditions

- Exposure to moving mechanical parts and moderate-to-high noise levels in a controlled environment
- Eye and ear protection required in designated areas
- Some duties may involve working in the firing range with live ammunition
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required in specific work areas

To Apply

Send your resume and a brief description of your machining background and experience to **steve@madpigcustoms.com**. Candidates with a portfolio of machining work or photos of relevant projects are encouraged to include them.

Visit us at **www.madpigcustoms.com** or follow **@madpigcustoms** on social media.

Mad Pig Customs LLC is a drug-free workplace. All applicants must be legally eligible to work in the United States and handle firearms under federal and Connecticut state law.