

Test Lab Team Leader

VACANCY: Test Lab Team Leader

LOCATION: S41, Chesterfield

Contract: Permanent

ABOUT US:

Fusion Group is part of the AVK Group, who are market leaders in the design, manufacture and supply of valves, pipe fittings, hydrants and flow control equipment to the Water, Wastewater, Oil and Gas industries throughout the world. Fusion Group is our centre of excellence for the design, development, manufacture and supply of polyethylene and electrofusion fittings and equipment.

‘The Fusion Group Strategy is to become the customers’ preferred partner as the leading innovator, manufacturer and supplier of products and services for gas and water polyethylene pipeline systems worldwide’.

This is a key role within our manufacturing operations, responsible for leading a team of Test Lab Technicians and overseeing the day-to-day running of the test lab. You’ll ensure that all testing is carried out efficiently, accurately, and in line with industry standards, customer requirements, and internal procedures.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct and supervise testing of plastic piping systems, including hydrostatic, tensile, and material analysis.
- Lead and coordinate the lab team to meet production and customer deadlines.
- Maintain compliance with ISO 9001, ISO 29001, and internal quality systems.
- Manage lab resources, equipment, and consumables to support production needs.
- Ensure the lab is always audit-ready and operates to high standards of safety and housekeeping.
- Analyse test data, report results, and support continuous improvement initiatives.

WHAT YOU’LL BRING

- Experience in a manufacturing or industrial testing environment.
- Strong understanding of polyethylene products and jointing techniques.
- Supervisory or team leadership experience in a technical setting.
- Familiarity with industry standards and test methods.
- Qualifications such as IOSH Managing Safely, EUSR Electrofusion and Butt Fusion Welding, or equivalent are desirable.
- A practical, problem-solving mindset and a commitment to quality and safety.

WHAT WE OFFER:

- A culture of shared values, goals, attitudes and business growth
- Clear career progression within the supply chain function
- Comprehensive training and mentoring
- A collaborative and forward-thinking team environment
- Real responsibility and impact from day one
- Employee Assistance Programme (Welfare and Wellbeing)
- Competitive salary
- 33 days holiday (including statutory Public Holidays)
- Life Assurance plan (x3)



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- Company pension plan
- Discounts and cashback across many high-street and online retailers (Supermarkets, Entertainment, Fashion, Days Out, Technology, Home and Travel)
- Companywide initiatives to share in our future success
- A blend of training to help your career development

WORKING HOURS:

- 37.5 hours per week
 - Monday – Friday 08:30hrs – 17:00hrs

We know that our people make the difference in the AVK Group, and we are looking for skilled, passionate, and driven professionals to work with our inspirational leaders; to promote our culture, enable change and champion a lean environment.

HOURS OF WORK

8.15am - 4.45pm, Monday - Friday inclusive

Apply today and become part of a team that values development and innovation.

- Similar Job Titles: Quality & Test Laboratory Supervisor, Materials Testing Supervisor, Product Testing Team Leader, Test & Validation Supervisor, Laboratory Operations Supervisor, Test Engineering Lead, Quality Control Lab Manager

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