



NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER

About Kenney Manufacturing

Kenney Manufacturing Company was established in 1914 by the Kenney family. Over one hundred years later the business, still privately held, has successfully adapted into a global consumer product company that proudly manufactures high quality products in the USA as well as distributing industry leading home products to worldwide retailers.

Description

The New Product Development Engineer is responsible for the ideation, design, development and specification of a variety of manufactured and imported consumer goods. Primary focus is on designing and developing product; however, specification of packaging is also required. Responsibilities include brainstorming new concepts; creating, issuing and updating specifications for products, retail packaging, master cartons, and displays; and developing and implementing cost reduction projects. The successful candidate will be resourceful, creative, and detail-oriented, possess strong project management skills, and feel comfortable working cross-functionally at all levels of the organization.

Responsibilities

- Create and release product and packaging specifications for new development, product updates, and cost reductions, accurately and in a timely manner
- Work closely with Product Engineering, Marketing, and Sales to develop new and innovative product & packaging concepts
- Proactively identify cost reduction opportunities; schedule and drive cost reduction projects to realized cost savings
- Support ECM process by providing timely and accurate master data as required
- Develop and implement test plans as needed
- Manage multiple projects simultaneously in a self-directed manner, working closely with Marketing, Operations, and domestic & international suppliers to ensure that all stakeholder needs are met

- Design with customer requirements, quality and performance requirements, retail space restrictions, manufacturability, and cost reduction in mind
- Provide technical and business expertise to the organization
- Develop, document, and implement New Product Development policies, procedures, test methodologies, and reports
- Other duties assigned by supervisor

Competencies & Qualifications

- BS Engineering or related discipline, or equivalent experience
- 3+ years' experience in consumer goods engineering
- Proficient in 3D CAD (especially SolidWorks)
- Experience interacting with US and Asian factories and suppliers on product and package design, testing, and manufacturing is a plus
- Knowledge of current manufacturing processes. Equipment knowledge and experience is a plus
- SAP or similar ERP experience
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, including Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Word
- Demonstrated Project Leadership skills- experience driving projects from inception through completion, meeting schedule and cost goals.