If you are searching for an amazing company to work for with tremendous growth opportunities, this is it! We are seeking a **Buyer/Planner** that reports directly to the Materials Manager. This role supports daily production operations by securing an optimum supply of material required for manufacturing to meet daily customer demand. The primary job responsibilities are to utilize and monitor material planning procedures with minimal inventory investment. These procedures involve direct contact with outside suppliers, transportation carriers, Customer Service, Engineering, Marketing, and Operation staffs to meet/exceed current and projected customer requirements. **We are open to an entry level candidate that has some knowledge of supply chain.**

**Key Responsibilities:**
- Utilize and monitor material planning procedures ensuring consistent quality, delivery, and cost with minimal inventory investment.
- Direct contact with outside suppliers, transportation carriers, customer service, and operations staffs to meet/exceed current and projected customer requirements, assuring material availability and optimal inventory levels.
- Conduct inventory activities in cells improving parts presentation, kanban execution and material flow.
- Forecast monthly material requirements to vendors to ensure material availability, based on historical data and PSI demand.
- Identify and manage actual and potential material availability problems.
- Use Root Cause/ Corrective Actions to short term and permanent solutions to material supply issues.
- Suggest and implement appropriate procurement method (JIT, Reorder Point, Consignment, Reducing Lead-times, or Scheduled Releases) based on part characteristics, supplier, and demand to optimize material velocity and availability.
- Contributes, in the capacity of a team member, individually, or as a reference, to resolving materials quality issues and increasing manufacturing productivity.
- Frequently participate in, and lead continuous improvement workshops (kaizens) with team members to improve quality, delivery, and productivity.
- Achieve department performance goals (ie. On Time Delivery, Inventory Turns, Inventory Accuracy, Material Flows)
- Assist in cost reduction projects and implementation of new product/engineering changes.
- Kanban Management including: creation, maintenance, audits, and presentation
- Duties not limited to those listed above.

**Qualifications Include:**
- Bachelor’s Degree in Business or Engineering, or equivalent discipline
- 1+ years of purchasing/sourcing experience
- Lean manufacturing experience including kanban planning, establishing reorder quantities, inventory optimization, and a strong process orientation
- Results driven and possess excellent organization, communication (written and oral), and presentation skills
- Proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, performing queries in ERP systems (Business Objects), along with data gathering, manipulation, and analysis expertise
- Ability to effectively perform the above mentioned essential job functions.
Primary Location: Grand Rapids, Michigan

Job Function: Manufacturing / Operations

Schedule: Full-time

X-Rite Company Description X-Rite, Operating Company of Danaher Corporation, is the global leader in color science and technology. The Company, which now includes color industry leader Pantone, Inc., develops, manufactures, markets and supports innovative color solutions through measurement systems, software, color standards and services. X-Rite’s expertise in inspiring, selecting, measuring, formulating, communicating and matching color helps users get color right the first time and every time, which translates to better quality and reduced costs. X-Rite serves a range of industries, including printing, packaging, photography, graphic design, video, automotive, paints, plastics, textiles, dental and medical.

Danaher Corporation Overview Danaher is a Fortune 200, NYSE-listed, science and technology leader that designs, manufactures and markets innovative products and services to professional, medical, industrial and commercial customers. The Danaher Business System provides a foundation to our 63,000 associates around the world, serving customers in more than 125 countries. In 2012, we generated $18.3 billion of revenue from five reporting segments: Test & Measurement, Environmental, Dental, Life Sciences & Diagnostics, and Industrial Technologies.

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