

Meet Ivan Alicea

Safety and Environmental Engineer at
Lund International, Pompano Beach, FL



Ivan Alicea has been working as a Safety Engineer at Lund International since July 2018 and has over 20 years of experience in safety. We spoke with him about his experience using Guardair products and how they affect the work that he does. "We like Guardair because their products are reliable, durable and safe," he says.

Q: Tell us about Lund International.

A: Lund International has been designing, manufacturing and marketing over 30 categories of branded automotive accessories for light and heavy-duty trucks, sport utility vehicles, crossover utility vehicles, vans and passenger cars since 1965. Our mission is to continually set industry standards for design, engineering and innovation. We ship worldwide from a global headquarters and distribution warehouse located in Buford, Georgia.

Q: What is your role in the company?

A: As a Safety and Environmental Engineer, my responsibility is to forecast incidents before they happen and to study the work systems to understand the independent variables that may cause incidents and engineer out the risks. I'm also responsible for ensuring compliance with regulatory laws, practices and relevant OSHA standards. It's my duty to establish and implement health and safety processes and deliver front-line safety-related education and training to various members of staff. I have many other responsibilities that include Environmental Compliance, Safety Program Management, Industrial Hygiene, Contractor's Management, new-hire training and emergency response protocol, among others.

I love my job! Since I started working as a safety supervisor 20 years ago my safety career has been a passion. My profession allows me to ensure our employees are accident-free and can return home safely to their families every day.

Q: What Guardair products do you use?

A: In our facility, we have been using three different types of Guardair products: Long John Safety Air Gun 75LJ, 80LJ Extension & Whisper Jet Nozzle and Jet Guard Safety Air Gun 74S. We use them to clean off the CNC routers, milling machines, punch press, saws and the final product before packaging. We also use it for product cleaning in the assembling workstations.

Q: How do those Guardair products support the work you do?

A: We've been using products from Guardair because they are reliable products that last for years.

They help us remain compliant with regulatory-agency standards and regulations. Not only do these products help us comply with regulations, they help our operators and assemblers in their daily tasks. Without them, the output in the manufacturing area and the machine shop would stop completely. That's why it's vital that the product is reliable and safe. With the 80LJ Extension & Whisper Jet Nozzle, we were able to reduce noise levels by 10 dBA in some areas of the facility.

Q: How did you use the Guardair OSHA Compliance Kit?

A: Once I received the OSHA safety kit, I presented it during our production meetings and shortly after began conducting the Air Gun Safety Assessment. The OSHA Compliance Kit helped us identify all air guns that could potentially endanger our best resources, our assemblers and operators. It's helped to improve our safety culture. Our associates trust our Safety Management System and understand that we are taking care of them by providing them with superior quality tools. ▲



Long John Safety Air Gun

The Long John Safety Air Gun is the perfect tool for cleaning inaccessible and hard-to-reach areas. They are used for blowing floor debris, cleaning masonry forms, tanks ovens, molds and rafters, as well as machinery and storage areas. The efficient venturi nozzle boosts thrust up to 200% over conventional air guns yet limits static pressure to less than 30 psi should the tip become blocked.
Part Number: 75LJ006AA



Jet Guard Safety Air Gun 74SK

The Jet Guard Safety Air Gun 74SK features a proprietary, protective air cone to shield against dangerous chip fly-back. The 74SK is perfect for close-in applications. An ergonomic, Classic+ pistol-grip style handle provides maximum user comfort. Adjust the air flow from a whisper to a blast.
Part Number: 74SK



80LJ Extension & Whisper Jet Nozzle

This aluminum extension has a pre-attached Whisper Jet nozzle, which reduces air gun noise and complies with OSHA standards. The extension threads into an 80LJ air gun handle.
Part Number: 80LJE006AA

About Guardair

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