

Peter Scherschligt

Industrial & Product Designer

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Professional Profile

Early-career industrial and product designer. 2026 graduate of University of Minnesota Product Design program. Professional experience designing commercial and industrial equipment at Tennant Company (intern, 2025). Strong in ideation, concept sketching, CAD, rendering, prototyping, and design for manufacturing.

Specialized skills in sketching, DFM thinking, translating brand language, digital surfacing, and form development. Interest and experience in industrial equipment, sports and recreation products, vehicle design, tool design, and pet products. Proven ability to contribute to design and engineering teams. Strong written communication and presentation skills.

Experience

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, U of MN College of Design

September 2025 - May 2026

- Supported 4 sections of product design studio courses.
- Assisted instructors in instructional delivery and assessment.
- Demonstrated techniques for both traditional and digital sketching.
- Guided students through coaching and technical guidance.
- Rated “exemplary” in student evaluations.

Industrial Design Intern, Tennant Company

May 2025 - August 2025

- Contributed to 11 active projects across multiple product lines.
- Designed production-ready components for 2 commercial products.
- Worked with Tennant and IPC (Italian subsidiary) brand systems.
- Led design reviews with cross-functional teams.
- Used SolidWorks and Gravity Sketch to iterate rapidly.
- Collaborated with mechanical engineers on fabrication and testing.
- Contributor on IPC CW-32/33, 2025 Good Design winner (tool).

“Peter carried the workload of a full-time designer during his time with Tennant and he consistently delivered...Peter developed thoughtful solutions for ongoing programs and produced excellent design work—several of which are moving forward into production.”

-Tennant Mechanical Design Engineer / Internship Mentor

Honors & Recognition

Candidate, Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) 2026 Student Merit Award

- One of 5 members of the class of 2026 nominated by U of MN faculty as candidates for an industry association honor.

Prize-winner, 2026 3M Design Blitz

- Member of prize-winning student team in annual U of MN industrial design competition sponsored by 3M.

Student Ambassador, Color Material Group

- Selected by faculty to represent the U of MN in an international Color, Materials, and Finish (CMF) working group.

Education

Bachelor of Science (May 2026)

University of Minnesota College of Design, Product Design program

- Dean’s List (multiple semesters)
- Senior capstone project: *Reimagining Oakley’s brand language through a ski helmet*
- Trusted by Program Chair for ad hoc tasks and projects (2025-26)

Skills & Tools

Technical & Digital

- Photoshop
- SolidWorks
- Gravity Sketch
- Illustrator
- KeyShot
- Rhino
- Fusion 360

Design Methods

- Sketching
- Surfacing
- Prototyping
- 3D modeling
- Design for manufacturing

Prototyping & Fabrication

- 3D Printing
- Fabrication
- Model-making
- CNC
- Laser cutting
- Plasma cutting