

Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Bakersfield - Telehandlers go by many different names including a boom lift, telescopic handler, Cherry picker or teleporter. These machines are utilized in agriculture and many different industries. Similar to a crane and a forklift as it has a boom allowing it to extend forwards and upwards. Numerous attachments can be placed at the end of the articulating boom to conduct a variety of different jobs. Different attachments such as a bucket, pallet forks, a muck grab or a winch can help the machine complete many jobs. The most common telehandler attachment is the pallet forks. Pallet forks enable the operator to move loads to and from a variety of locations that would otherwise be considered unreachable with a standard forklift. These machines enable cargo pallets to be unloaded and loaded from a trailer and placed on rooftops, racking or other high and hard to access locations. Often, high rooftop locations would need a crane although, telehandlers can accomplish these tasks much more efficiently. It isn't always practical or affordable to rely on a crane or secondary machinery to complete the job. Within agriculture, the bucket or bucket grab is among the most popular attachments. Transporting items from unreachable places that cannot use a backhoe loader or a wheeled loader is one of the main advantages of using a telehandler. Telehandlers are beneficial for applications that would usually require a loading ramp or conveyor since they are capable of directly accessing trailers with high sides and hoppers. Using one machine to finish numerous jobs saves storage space, money and time. Telehandlers commonly work alongside a crane jib. Numerous attachments can be utilized including power booms, grain buckets, dirt buckets and rotators. The agricultural models can use three-point linkage and power take-off to make telehandlers multi-tasking. Conversely, the main advantage of this machine doubles as its' largest limitation. When raising or extending with heavy loads, the boom functions similar to a lever. Even with rear counterweights, this machine may become unstable from time to time; decreasing the lift capacity when the distance between the center of the load and the front of the wheels or the working radius increases. When a telehandler functions as a single boom loader (as opposed to twin arms) and carrying a heavy load, there can be a potential for weakness even in the best designs. A machine with a 5K lb. capacity could safely lift 400 lbs. while fully extended using a retracted low boom angle. Raising the same piece of equipment 70 degrees could allow this machine with a five thousand pound lift capability and retracted boom to support up to ten thousand pounds. These machines are equipped with a load chart to help outline which tasks are safely possible. These charts take the boom height, angle and weight into account. Newer telehandler models rely on computers and sensors to monitor the machine. The operator cannot continue once the machine's limits have been reached. They are warned and cut off from accessing the control input. There are front stabilizers that can drastically enhance the machine's lifting capacity while it is stationary. A mobile crane can also use a bucket is another option consisting of a stabilized rotary joint found between upper and lower frames. There are many models of telehandlers differing in size, weight, boom designs and reach. Telehandlers that weigh 11,000 pounds or less fall into the compact category. A two-stage boom is a popular option for compact models whereas the three or four boom design is common for bigger machines. A low pivot boom ensures better operator visibility for transporting loads on compact units. There are narrower and smaller dimensions offered with the compact telehandler. The compact units offer a reach capacity between thirteen to twenty feet and a lifting capacity ranging from five thousand to seven thousand pounds. There are many different applications this machine is suitable for working in. Telehandlers can function as a pick and place unit or a tool carrier. Compact units are ideal for cramped locations. Residential applications are common as contractors relish their useful nature with framing applications and where height restrictions come into play. These machines can facilitate internal building access. Compact units are popular in multi-story construction, nurseries, strip malls, landscaping, masonry, garage facilities and erecting steel among other applications. Telehandlers are employed by agri-business and farming applications to complete many jobs. Telehandlers can be found with

two and four-wheel drive and crab steering capabilities. The unit can travel over longer ranges at higher speeds with two-wheel drive, making it ideal for moving throughout job sites. The four-wheel drive models offer the ability to traverse more difficult terrain and provide a tighter turning radius. Crab steering enhances the units' maneuverability while allowing each set of wheels to move forty-five degrees to the right or left. There are a variety of cab interior options available for compact telehandlers. There is a rollover protective cage to enhance safety on less expensive models. Higher-end models are equipped with a fully enclosed cab, a heater, windshield wiper and defroster. Compact units feature spacious cab accommodations to keep operators totally comfortable. Additional options including satellite radio, air conditioning, armrests, cup holders, suspension seats and tilt steering are available. Many high-pressure hydraulics and high-flow auxiliary hydraulics operate the numerous attachments. These attachments increase the functions the machine is capable of. Compact units are more commonly utilized for ground engaging jobs. Adding a bucket attachment can make a compact telehandler transform into a mini excavator. There are popular attachments including brooms for sweeping, truss booms for extended reach, side-shifting and rotating fork carriages, heavy and light-duty buckets, augers for planting trees or digging holes and many items. Skid steer attachments are being manufactured for certain compact telehandler designs for even more versatility.