

Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Maine - Telehandlers have numerous names including a teleporter, Cherry picker, telescopic handler or boom lift. These machines are utilized in agriculture and many different industries. It is similar to a forklift and a crane as it has a boom, enabling it to extend upwards and forwards from the vehicle. Many different attachments can be used at the end of the articulating boom to facilitate a wide number of jobs. Common attachments include pallet forks, a winch, a bucket or a muck grab. The pallet forks are the most popular telehandler attachment. They allow the operator to transport loads to and from locations that are considered unreachable with a regular forklift. Telehandlers allow cargo pallets to be transported from trailers and placed on racking, rooftops or other difficult to reach locations. Normally, high rooftop applications would require the use of a crane; however, telehandlers can complete this task more efficiently. Of course, it isn't always affordable or practical to use secondary equipment or a crane to complete certain tasks. A bucket grab or a bucket is the most common attachments for telehandlers within the agricultural sector. Relocating items from hard to reach areas that cannot rely on a wheeled loader or a backhoe loader give telehandlers a significant advantage. For instance, these industrial machines can directly access a hopper or trailer with high sides; applications that would otherwise rely on a conveyor, loading ramp or similar equipment. Using one machine to finish numerous jobs saves storage space, money and time. Telehandlers commonly work alongside a crane jib. Many attachments can be used such as power booms, grain and dirt buckets and rotators. The agricultural models can use three-point linkage and power take-off to make telehandlers multi-tasking. However, the main advantage of the telehandler is additionally its' largest limitation. The boom raises or extends with heavy loads, acting as a lever. Despite significant counterweights in the rear, the telehandler can be subject to instability at times, decreasing the lifting capacity as the working radius or distance between the center of the load and the front of the wheels increases. If the machine works as a single boom loader instead of using twin arms while carrying a large load, there is a chance that weakness can occur even in the most carefully designed units. For instance, a telehandler with a five thousand pound capacity may be capable of safely lifting as little as four hundred pounds fully extended with a low boom angle with a retracted boom. 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. When the telehandler limits have been surpassed, the operator is cut off and warned from supplying further control input. The lifting capacity is enhanced by front stabilizers that maximize the lifting capacity from a stationary position. 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. If the machine weighs in at eleven thousand pounds or less, it can be part of the compact category. Compact models feature a two- stage boom design in comparison to the three or four boom design that is common with larger units. The compact model showcases a low pivot boom to allow better cab visibility for the operator while transporting loads. There are narrower and smaller dimensions offered with the compact telehandler. The reach capacity for compact units is between thirteen to twenty feet and these units offer a lift capacity from five to seven thousand pounds. There are many different applications this machine is suitable for working in. This machine can be utilized for carrying tools or as a pick and place unit. This machine is often used in locations that are cramped and tight. Residential applications are common as contractors relish their useful nature with framing applications and where height restrictions come into play. These units can be useful for accessing internal building locations. Compact telehandlers are commonly used in nurseries, landscaping, multi-story construction, building strip malls and garages, masonry, erecting steel and more. Telehandlers are employed by agri-

business and farming applications to complete many jobs. Telehandlers are made with two or four-wheel drive as well as crab steering. The unit can travel over longer ranges at higher speeds with two-wheel drive, making it ideal for moving throughout job sites. Four-wheel drive units can travel over harder terrain while offering a tighter turning radius. Crab steering is responsible for the increased maneuverability, allowing the front and rear wheels to shift forty-five degrees to the right or left. There are a variety of cab interior options available for compact telehandlers. On the lower-end models, a rollover protective cage structure is in place for safety. Higher-end models are equipped with a fully enclosed cab, a heater, windshield wiper and defroster. All compact telehandler cabs are spacious to accommodate the operator as comfortable as possible. Additional options including satellite radio, air conditioning, armrests, cup holders, suspension seats and tilt steering are available. Different high-flow auxiliary hydraulics and high-pressure hydraulics run the variety of attachments. These attachments increase the functions the machine is capable of. Ground engaging work is often completed by compact units. It is simple to transform a compact telehandler into a mini excavator with a bucket attachment. Light-duty to heavy-duty buckets can be attached for transferring material, side-shifting and rotating fork carriages are relied on for pick and place situations, augers for drilling post holes or planting trees or pier supports, truss booms for extending reach, crane hooks, brooms for sweeping and more. Skid steer attachments are being made for versatility and other compact telehandler designs.