

Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler California - Telehandlers are commonly known by a variety of names such as Cherry pickers, telescopic handlers, boom lifts and teleports. This industrial equipment is commonly used in a variety of industries including agriculture. This machine functions similarly to a crane and a forklift with the ability to extend upward and forward. 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 main telehandler attachment is the pallet forks. These attachments help the operator transport different sized loads to many locations that would be considered unreachable with a traditional 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. Normally, high rooftop applications would require the use of a crane; however, telehandlers can complete this task 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 can directly access trailer units with high sides, hoppers or applications that would typically need a conveyor or loading ramp. 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. Agricultural models can be outfitted with power take-off and 3-point linkage, making the telehandler and exceptionally useful. Interestingly enough, the machines' main advantage is also its' biggest limitation. The boom acts as a lever when it extends or raises with heavy loads. 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. 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 5000 lb. capacity telehandler could lift 400 lbs. safely while fully extended with a retracted boom in conjunction with a 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. Monitoring the angle, weight and boom height, there are load charts on this equipment to outline which tasks can be safely conducted. There are sensors and computers available on newer models. 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 stabilizing rotary joint between the upper and lower frames may be called a mobile crane that can use a bucket. There are compact telehandler models that differ in boom design, size, reach and weight. If the machine weighs in at eleven thousand pounds or less, it can be part of 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. 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. The versatility of the compact telehandler makes it popular in a variety of applications. Telehandlers can function as a pick and place unit or a tool carrier. It is commonly utilized in spaces that are tight and cramped. 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 used in many applications including nurseries, erecting steel, multi-story construction, masonry, strip malls, garages and similar jobs. 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. This machine can traverse longer distances with two-wheel drive at higher speeds to facilitate easy travel between worksites. 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. Compact telehandlers have varying cab environments. 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. Extra amenities including air conditioning, satellite radio, suspension seats, tilt steering and cup holders are available. Many high-pressure hydraulics and high-flow auxiliary hydraulics operate the numerous attachments. The different attachments allow the machine to be capable of many options. All of these attachments enable the machine to conduct a variety of jobs. Compact machines conduct 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.