

Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Rialto - Telehandlers go by many different names including a boom lift, telescopic handler, Cherry picker or teleporter. This industrial machine is commonly used in a variety of industries and in agriculture. Similar to a crane and a forklift as it has a boom allowing it to extend forwards and upwards. The operator can utilize a variety of attachments at the end of the articulating boom to complete different jobs. Common attachments include pallet forks, a winch, a bucket or a muck grab. The pallet forks are the most popular telehandler attachment. 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. Telehandlers allow cargo pallets to be loaded and unloaded from a trailer and placed on high locations such as racking or rooftops. Normally, high rooftop applications would require the use of a crane; however, telehandlers can complete this task more efficiently. It can be expensive and impractical to rely on a crane or expansive industrial equipment to finish particular tasks. A bucket or bucket grab is the most popular telehandler attachment in the agricultural industry. 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. Telehandler units often work together with 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. 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. This unit with a 5000 lb. lift capability and retracted boom could support as much as ten thousand pounds after the boom is raised seventy degrees. 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. Updated telehandler models have computers and sensors. The operator is warned and even cut off further control input once the limits of the telehandler are surpassed. Front stabilizers that enhance the lifting capacity of the machine while stationary can make a huge difference. Another option is a stabilizing rotary joint between lower and upper frames, often referred to as a mobile crane that can additionally utilize 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. Compact models are skinnier and have thinner dimensions. The compact units offer a reach capacity between thirteen to twenty feet and a lifting capacity ranging from five thousand to seven thousand pounds. The versatility of the compact telehandler makes it popular in a variety of applications. This machine can be utilized for carrying tools or as a pick and place unit. Compact units are ideal for cramped locations. It is common for contractors to use this machine during framing and for residential jobs where there are height restrictions. 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 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. The 4-WD units are capable of having a tighter turning radius and can travel difficult terrain. Crab steering increases overall maneuvering and enables the front and back wheels to move 45 degrees to the left or the right. Compact telehandlers have varying cab environments. On entry-level models, there is a rollover cage for added safety. Higher models come with a heater, a completely enclosed cab, defroster and windshield wiper. Compact units feature spacious cab accommodations to keep operators totally comfortable. Extra amenities including air conditioning, satellite radio, suspension seats, tilt steering and cup holders are available. The numerous attachment options are facilitated with high-pressure and high-flow auxiliary hydraulics. 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 units are more commonly utilized for ground engaging jobs. Adding a bucket attachment can make a compact telehandler transform into a mini excavator. 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.