

Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler South Carolina - Telehandlers go by many different names including a boom lift, telescopic handler, Cherry picker or teleporter. This industrial equipment is commonly used in a variety of industries including agriculture. It is similar to a forklift and a crane as it has a boom, enabling it to extend upwards and forwards from the vehicle. The operator can utilize a variety of attachments at the end of the articulating boom to complete different jobs. Different attachments such as a bucket, pallet forks, a muck grab or a winch can help the machine complete many jobs. The main telehandler attachment is the pallet forks. They allow the operator to transport loads to and from locations that are considered unreachable with a regular 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. A bucket or bucket grab is the most popular telehandler attachment in the agricultural industry. Relocating items from hard to reach areas that cannot rely on a wheeled loader or a backhoe loader give telehandlers a significant advantage. 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. Three-point linkage and power take-off can be used with agricultural models to make this machine particularly capable. 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. 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. There is a load chart on these machines to determine which tasks can be safely executed by taking the weight, angle and boom height 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. There are front stabilizers that can drastically enhance the machine's lifting capacity while it is stationary. 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. Compact models feature a two- stage boom design in comparison to the three or four boom design that is common with larger units. A low pivot boom ensures better operator visibility for transporting loads on compact units. 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. 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 telehandlers are commonly used in nurseries, landscaping, multi-story construction, building strip malls and garages, masonry, erecting steel and more. Agri-business and farming applications rely on telehandlers for a variety of 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 4-WD units are capable of having a tighter turning radius and can travel difficult terrain. 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. There is a rollover protective cage to enhance safety on less expensive models. Higher models come with a heater, a completely enclosed cab, defroster and windshield wiper. Operators enjoy spacious accommodation for ultimate comfort. 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. These attachments increase the functions the machine is capable of. Compact units are more commonly utilized for ground engaging jobs. 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 options are made for compact telehandler designs and ultimate versatility.