

Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler South Dakota - Telehandlers are commonly known by a variety of names such as Cherry pickers, telescopic handlers, boom lifts and teleporters. 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. 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 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. Often, high rooftop locations would need a crane although, telehandlers can accomplish these tasks much more efficiently. It can be expensive and impractical to rely on a crane or expansive industrial equipment to finish particular tasks. Within agriculture, the bucket or bucket grab is among the most popular attachments. Moving items from unreachable locations that cannot be completed with a backhoe loader or wheeled loader give telehandlers a huge advantage. 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. Having one item to complete a variety of jobs saves time, money and storage space. Telehandler machines can work in conjunction with a crane jib. Various attachments may be used including rotators, dirt buckets, grain buckets and power booms. Agricultural models can be outfitted with power take-off and 3-point linkage, making the telehandler and exceptionally useful. Conversely, the main advantage of this machine doubles as its' largest limitation. The boom acts as a lever when it extends or raises with heavy loads. 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. 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. A machine with a 5K lb. capacity could safely lift 400 lbs. while fully extended using a retracted low boom angle. The same piece of equipment with a five thousand pound lift capacity and retracted boom may be capable as supporting up to ten thousand pounds once the boom is raised to seventy degrees. 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. There are sensors and computers available on newer models. 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. 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 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. 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. Compact telehandlers have a reach capacity ranging between 13 to 20 feet with a lift capacity ranging from 5k to 7k 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 units can be useful for accessing internal building locations. Compact units are popular in multi-story construction, nurseries, strip malls, landscaping, masonry, garage facilities and erecting steel among other applications. 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 four-wheel drive models offer the ability to traverse more difficult terrain and provide 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. Compact telehandlers have numerous cab environments to choose from. On the lower-end models, a rollover protective cage structure is in place for safety. Newer units come with windshield wipers, a defroster, a heater and a totally enclosed cab. 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. 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. It is simple to transform a compact telehandler into a mini excavator with a bucket attachment. Light and heavy-duty buckets can be used to move items, augers can plant trees or drill holes, rotating and side-shifting fork carriages facilitate pick-and-place, truss booms are in place for extending reach, sweeping brooms and crane hooks are other popular attachments. Skid steer attachments are being manufactured for certain compact telehandler designs for even more versatility.