

Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Tacoma - 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. 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. Popular attachments include a muck grab, bucket, winch or pallet forks. 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 transported from trailers and placed on racking, rooftops or other difficult to reach locations. Often, high rooftop locations would need a crane although, telehandlers can accomplish these tasks much more efficiently. Of course, it isn't always affordable or practical to use secondary equipment or a crane to complete certain 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. 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. Having one item to complete a variety of jobs saves time, money and storage space. Telehandlers commonly work alongside a crane jib. Various attachments may be used including rotators, dirt buckets, grain buckets and power booms. 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. A 5000 lb. capacity telehandler could lift 400 lbs. safely while fully extended with a retracted boom in conjunction with a low boom angle. 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. 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. 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. 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 units have a two-stage boom compared to larger machines that feature three or four boom designs. Compact models rely on a low pivot boom to facilitate better cab visibility as the operator transports 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. It may be used as a tool carrier or a pick and place machine. 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. Telehandlers can enter internal building access in hard-to-reach locations. Compact telehandlers are used in many applications including nurseries, erecting steel, multi-story construction, masonry, strip malls, garages and similar jobs. Agri-business and farming applications rely on telehandlers for a variety of 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. Compact telehandlers have varying cab environments. On the lower-end models, a rollover protective cage structure is in place for 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. Additional features such as cup holders, air conditioning, tilt steering, suspension seats and satellite radio are all options. 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 options are made for compact telehandler designs and ultimate versatility.