

## Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Salem - Telehandlers are commonly known by a variety of names such as Cherry pickers, telescopic handlers, boom lifts and teleporters. These machines are utilized in agriculture and many different industries. 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. 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. They allow the operator to transport loads to and from locations that are considered unreachable with a regular 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 isn't always practical or affordable to rely on a crane or secondary machinery to complete the job. A bucket grab or a bucket is the most common attachments for telehandlers within the agricultural sector. Relocating items from hard to reach areas that cannot rely on a wheeled loader or a backhoe loader give telehandlers a significant 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. Telehandlers commonly work alongside a crane jib. Many attachments can be used such as power booms, grain and dirt buckets and rotators. The agricultural models can use three-point linkage and power take-off to make telehandlers multi-tasking. 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. 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. 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. 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. Newer telehandler models rely on computers and sensors to monitor the machine. 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 many models of telehandlers differing in size, weight, boom designs and reach. Telehandlers fall into the compact category if the unit weighs in at 11,000 lbs. or less. 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. Obviously, the compact telehandler has narrower and tinier 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. This machine is often used in locations that are cramped and tight. Residential services are often employed during framing and for jobs with 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. 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 is responsible for the increased maneuverability, allowing the front and rear wheels to shift forty-five degrees to the right or left. There are a variety of cab interior options available for compact telehandlers. There is a rollover protective cage to enhance safety on less expensive models. 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. 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. Ground engaging work is often completed by compact units. It is easy to enjoy the benefits of a mini excavator by adding a simple bucket attachment to the telehandler. 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 options are made for compact telehandler designs and ultimate versatility.