

## Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Moreno Valley - 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. 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 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. It isn't always practical or affordable to rely on a crane or secondary machinery to complete the job. Within agriculture, the bucket or bucket grab is among the most popular attachments. 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. Relying on one piece of equipment to complete a variety of jobs saves time, money and storage. Telehandler units often work together 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. However, the main advantage of the telehandler is additionally its' largest limitation. The boom acts as a lever when it extends or raises with heavy loads. 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 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. 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 mobile crane can also use a bucket is another option consisting of a stabilized rotary joint found between upper and lower frames. Compact telehandler models are available in a variety of different weights, reach, sizes and boom designs. Telehandlers fall into the compact category if the unit weighs in at 11,000 lbs. or less. Compact units have a two-stage boom compared to larger machines that feature three or four boom designs. 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. These versatile machines make the compact telehandler extremely popular. This machine can be utilized for carrying tools or as a pick and place unit. This machine is often used in locations that are cramped and tight. 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-toreach locations. Compact units are popular in multi-story construction, nurseries, strip malls, landscaping, masonry, garage facilities and erecting steel among other applications. Farming and agri-business applications often rely on telehandlers to accomplish many tasks. Telehandlers come with crab steering or

two or four-wheel drive options. 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. Operators enjoy spacious accommodation for ultimate comfort. 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 These attachments increase the functions the machine is capable of. Compact machines conduct ground-engaging jobs. Adding a bucket attachment can make a compact telehandler transform into a mini excavator. 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 made for versatility and other compact telehandler designs.