

## Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler New York - Telehandlers have numerous names including a teleporter, Cherry picker, telescopic handler or boom lift. These machines are utilized in agriculture and many different industries. 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 main telehandler attachment is the pallet forks. 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. Normally, high rooftop applications would require the use of a crane; however, telehandlers can complete this task 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. 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. 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. Interestingly enough, the machines' main advantage is also its' biggest limitation. When raising or extending with heavy loads, the boom functions similar to 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. 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. Updated telehandler models have computers and sensors. The operator cannot continue once the machine's limits have been reached. They are warned and cut off from accessing the 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 compact telehandler models that differ in boom design, size, reach and weight. 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. 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. There are many different applications this machine is suitable for working in. 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. Residential applications are common as contractors relish their useful nature with framing applications and where height restrictions come into play. 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 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 4-WD units are capable of having a tighter turning radius and can travel difficult terrain. Crab steering increases overall maneuvering and enables the front and back wheels to move 45 degrees to the left or the right. There are a variety of cab interior options available for compact telehandlers. On entry-level models, there is a rollover cage for added safety. Higher-end models are equipped with a fully enclosed cab, a heater, windshield wiper and defroster. Operators enjoy spacious accommodation for ultimate comfort. Additional features such as cup holders, air conditioning, tilt steering, suspension seats and satellite radio are all options. Many high-pressure hydraulics and high-flow auxiliary hydraulics operate the numerous 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 easy to enjoy the benefits of a mini excavator by adding a simple bucket attachment to the telehandler. 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 attachments are being made for versatility and other compact telehandler designs.