

## Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Stockton - Telehandlers have numerous names including a teleporter, Cherry picker, telescopic handler or boom lift. 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. The operator can utilize a variety of attachments at the end of the articulating boom to complete different jobs. Popular attachments include a muck grab, bucket, winch or pallet forks. The most common 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 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 can be expensive and impractical to rely on a crane or expansive industrial equipment to finish particular 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. Telehandlers can directly access trailer units with high sides, hoppers or applications that would typically need a conveyor or loading ramp. Using one machine to finish numerous jobs saves storage space, money and time. 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. However, the main advantage of the telehandler is additionally its' largest limitation. When raising or extending with heavy loads, the boom functions similar to a lever. 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 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. Front stabilizers that enhance the lifting capacity of the machine while stationary can make a huge difference. A mobile crane can also use a bucket is another option consisting of a stabilized rotary joint found between upper and lower frames. There are compact telehandler models that differ in boom design, size, reach and weight. 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. These versatile machines make the compact telehandler extremely popular. It may be used as a tool carrier or a pick and place machine. It is commonly utilized in spaces that are tight and cramped. Residential services are often employed during framing and for jobs with height restrictions. These machines can facilitate internal building access. Compact telehandlers are commonly used in nurseries, landscaping, multi-story construction, building strip malls and garages, masonry, erecting steel and more. 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 enhances the units' maneuverability while allowing each set of wheels to move forty-five degrees to the right or left. There are a variety of cab interior options available for compact telehandlers. 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. Operators enjoy spacious accommodation for ultimate comfort. Additional options including satellite radio, air conditioning, armrests, cup holders, suspension seats and tilt steering are available. 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. Ground engaging work is often completed by compact units. It is simple to transform a compact telehandler into a mini excavator with a bucket attachment. 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 manufactured for certain compact telehandler designs for even more versatility.