

## Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Costa Mesa - Telehandlers go by many different names including a boom lift, telescopic handler, Cherry picker or teleporter. This industrial equipment is commonly used in a variety of industries including agriculture. This machine functions similarly to a crane and a forklift with the ability to extend upward and forward. The operator can utilize a variety of attachments at the end of the articulating boom to complete different jobs. Common attachments include pallet forks, a winch, a bucket or a muck grab. The main telehandler attachment is the pallet forks. These attachments help the operator transport different sized loads to many locations that would be considered unreachable with a traditional forklift. Telehandlers allow cargo pallets to be transported from trailers and placed on racking, rooftops or other difficult to reach locations. Typically, high locations would traditionally require a crane; however, telehandlers can facilitate these tasks easily and efficiently. It isn't always practical or affordable to rely on a crane or secondary machinery to complete the job. A bucket or bucket grab is the most popular telehandler attachment in the agricultural industry. Moving items from unreachable locations that cannot be completed with a backhoe loader or wheeled loader give telehandlers a huge 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. Using one machine to finish numerous jobs saves storage space, money and time. Telehandler units often work together with a crane jib. Numerous attachments can be utilized including power booms, grain buckets, dirt buckets and rotators. Agricultural models can be outfitted with power take-off and 3-point linkage, making the telehandler 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. There are sensors and computers available on newer models. 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. Another option is a stabilizing rotary joint between lower and upper frames, often referred to as a mobile crane that can additionally utilize 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. A low pivot boom ensures better operator visibility for transporting loads on compact units. Obviously, the compact telehandler has narrower and tinier dimensions. The compact units offer a reach capacity between thirteen to twenty feet and a lifting capacity ranging from five thousand to seven thousand 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. 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. 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. 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. Compact telehandlers have numerous cab environments to choose from. On entry-level models, there is a rollover cage for added safety. Newer units come with windshield wipers, a defroster, a heater and a totally enclosed cab. 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. Many high-pressure hydraulics and high-flow auxiliary hydraulics operate the numerous attachments. These attachments increase the functions the machine is capable of. 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. There are popular attachments including brooms for sweeping, truss booms for extended reach, side-shifting and rotating fork carriages, heavy and light-duty buckets, augers for planting trees or digging holes and many items. Skid steer attachments are being made for versatility and other compact telehandler designs.