

## Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler El Cajon - 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. 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. Popular attachments include a muck grab, bucket, winch or pallet forks. 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. Relocating items from hard to reach areas that cannot rely on a wheeled loader or a backhoe loader give telehandlers a significant advantage. 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 units often work together with a crane jib. Many attachments can be used such as power booms, grain and dirt buckets and rotators. Agricultural models can be outfitted with power take-off and 3-point linkage, making the telehandler and exceptionally useful. 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. 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. 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 machine with a 5K lb. capacity could safely lift 400 lbs. while fully extended using a retracted low boom angle. 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. The operator is warned and even cut off further control input once the limits of the telehandler are surpassed. 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. Compact telehandler models are available in a variety of different weights, reach, sizes and boom designs. Telehandlers that weigh 11,000 pounds or less fall into the compact category. 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. There are narrower and smaller dimensions offered with the compact telehandler. The compact units offer a reach capacity between thirteen to twenty feet and a lifting capacity ranging from five thousand to seven thousand pounds. The versatility of the compact telehandler makes it popular in a variety of applications. 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 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. Farming and agri-business applications often rely on telehandlers to accomplish many tasks. Telehandlers are made with two or four-

wheel drive as well as crab steering. 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 enhances the units' maneuverability while allowing each set of wheels to move forty-five degrees to the right or left. Compact telehandlers have numerous cab environments to choose from. On the lower-end models, a rollover protective cage structure is in place for safety. 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. 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. Compact machines conduct 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.