

## Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Hayward - 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. It is similar to a forklift and a crane as it has a boom, enabling it to extend upwards and forwards from the vehicle. Many different attachments can be used at the end of the articulating boom to facilitate a wide number of 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 loaded and unloaded from a trailer and placed on high locations such as racking or rooftops. 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. 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 can directly access trailer units with high sides, hoppers or applications that would typically need a conveyor or loading ramp. Relying on one piece of equipment to complete a variety of jobs saves time, money and storage. Telehandler machines can work in conjunction with 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. 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. For instance, a telehandler with a five thousand pound capacity may be capable of safely lifting as little as four hundred pounds fully extended with a low boom angle with a retracted boom. 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. 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. The operator is warned and even cut off further control input once the limits of the telehandler are surpassed. 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. 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. Compact models rely on a low pivot boom to facilitate better cab visibility as the operator transports loads. Compact models are skinnier and have thinner 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. 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. It is commonly utilized in spaces that are tight and cramped. Residential applications are common as contractors relish their useful nature with framing applications and where height restrictions come into play. Telehandlers can enter internal building access in hard-to-reach 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. This machine can traverse longer distances with two-wheel drive at higher speeds to facilitate easy travel between worksites. 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 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. 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. 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 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 manufactured for certain compact telehandler designs for even more versatility.