

## Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Everett - 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. It is similar to a forklift and a crane as it has a boom, enabling it to extend upwards and forwards from the vehicle. The operator can utilize a variety of attachments at the end of the articulating boom to complete different jobs. Different attachments such as a bucket, pallet forks, a muck grab or a winch can help the machine complete many jobs. The most common 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 loaded and unloaded from a trailer and placed on high locations such as racking or rooftops. Often, high rooftop locations would need a crane although, telehandlers can accomplish these tasks much more efficiently. Of course, it isn't always affordable or practical to use secondary equipment or a crane to complete certain tasks. Within agriculture, the bucket or bucket grab is among the most popular attachments. 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. For instance, these industrial machines can directly access a hopper or trailer with high sides; applications that would otherwise rely on a conveyor, loading ramp or similar equipment. 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. Three-point linkage and power take-off can be used with agricultural models to make this machine particularly capable. Conversely, the main advantage of this machine doubles as its' largest 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. 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. Raising the same piece of equipment 70 degrees could allow this machine with a five thousand pound lift capability and retracted boom to support up to ten thousand pounds. These machines are equipped with a load chart to help outline which tasks are safely possible. These charts take the boom height, angle and weight into account. Updated telehandler models have computers and sensors. 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 stabilizing rotary joint between the upper and lower frames may be called a mobile crane that can use a bucket. Compact telehandler models are available in a variety of different weights, reach, sizes and boom designs. If the machine weighs in at eleven thousand pounds or less, it can be part of 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. Compact models are skinnier and have thinner dimensions. The reach capacity for compact units is between thirteen to twenty feet and these units offer a lift capacity from five to seven thousand pounds. These versatile machines make the compact telehandler extremely popular. Telehandlers can function as a pick and place unit or a tool carrier. Compact units are ideal for cramped locations. Residential services are often employed during framing and for jobs with height restrictions. 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 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. The 4-WD units are capable of having a tighter turning radius and can travel difficult terrain. 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 varying cab environments. There is a rollover protective cage to enhance safety on less expensive models. Higher-end models are equipped with a fully enclosed cab, a heater, windshield wiper and defroster. Compact units feature spacious cab accommodations to keep operators totally comfortable. 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 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 and heavy-duty buckets can be used to move items, augers can plant trees or drill holes, rotating and side-shifting fork carriages facilitate pick-and-place, truss booms are in place for extending reach, sweeping brooms and crane hooks are other popular attachments. Skid steer attachments are being made for versatility and other compact telehandler designs.