

## Telehandler / Zoom Boom

Used Telehandler Downey - Telehandlers have numerous names including a teleporter, Cherry picker, telescopic handler or boom lift. These machines are utilized in agriculture and many different industries. 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. Popular attachments include a muck grab, bucket, winch or pallet forks. 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. 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. 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 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. Telehandlers commonly work alongside 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. 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. 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. 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. There are sensors and computers available on newer models. The operator is warned and even cut off further control input once the limits of the telehandler are surpassed. There are front stabilizers that can drastically enhance the machine's lifting capacity while it is stationary. 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 fall into the compact category if the unit weighs in at 11,000 lbs. or less. 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. 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. 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 telehandlers are used in many applications including nurseries, erecting steel, multi-story construction, masonry, strip malls, garages and similar jobs. 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 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. Higher models come with a heater, a completely enclosed cab, defroster and windshield wiper. 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. 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 machines conduct ground-engaging jobs. 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 options are made for compact telehandler designs and ultimate versatility.