

# Safety & Maintenance for Telehandlers

## GENERAL PRECAUTIONS – ALL EQUIPMENT



### Keeping you safe is always our priority.

- You must be fully trained and instructed to operate plant and equipment. You must have all information necessary to ensure safe operation of plant and equipment.
- Ensure that all controls are in "neutral" position before starting engine. Ensure that proper ventilation exists when operating in buildings or areas that may become hazardous due to exhaust fumes etc.
- Always wear adequate personal protection equipment (e.g. ear protection, gloves, high visibility coat, hard hat, foot protection, eye protection etc).
- Report any defects immediately to your site supervisor or Express Hire.
- Any plant operated on the public highway may be subject to the provisions of the Road Traffic Act and therefore, appropriate insurance must be obtained by the Hirer.
- The Hirer is responsible to take all reasonable precautions to prevent theft of any plant or equipment. Such measures should include the removal of any keys when not in use and the provision of a secure area for storage when not in use (e.g. evenings and weekends).
- All machine operators should be free from alcohol or drugs, use of mobiles phones whilst using machines is prohibited.

## DAILY MAINTENANCE

### Checks before starting work:

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| -general condition of machine.                   | -for any fluid leaks etc.      |
| -lights, including beacon                        | -all safety devices and guards |
| -tyres, brakes & wheel nuts                      | -general operating ability.    |
| -oil and coolant levels, grease where necessary. | -check fuel & water levels.    |

## SAFETY & MAINTENANCE – TELEHANDLERS

- It is the hirer's responsibility to ensure that any person operating any plant or equipment are properly trained and are in possession of all relevant information.
- Please take note and act upon any caution or warning notices that are placed upon the equipment, these could involve maintenance to ensure the effective working of the machinery.
- Always use the grab handles & steps to get in and out of the telehandler. Keep footplates, pedals and steps clean and free from obstruction & debris.
- Always inspect the telehandler prior to use and look for obvious defects (e.g. deflating tyres fork damage etc); never attempt to start/operate the telehandler unless sitting in the operator seat. Ensure seat belt is secure.
- Rated lifting capacities shown are applicable with the telehandler on a firm, level surface with undamaged, properly inflated tyres.
- Never attempt to lift a load that is too heavy for the telehandler.
- If the automatic safe load indicators are activated this means that the safe working load of the telehandler has been exceeded.
- Always start the engine whilst sitting on the operator seat. Never attempt to start the engine or operate whilst standing beside the telehandler. Ensure seat belt is secured.
- When traveling up or down a slope, ensure that the boom is facing uphill. Avoid travelling across slopes. Exercise extreme caution if operating on a gradient. Always use stabilisers (where necessary / fitted)
- Avoid violent braking and sudden changes in direction. Be particularly careful when operating where there are pedestrians present, always look behind before reversing. Beware of overhead obstruction.
- Never allow access beneath the load.
- Never carry passengers or use the telehandler for any use other than that for which it is intended.
- Always ensure that the telehandler is secure when not in use, the key is removed.
- Do not use the telehandler to tow vehicles or equipment.
- Never leave the telehandler unattended with the engine running.
- Do not allow unauthorised persons or children to operate the telehandler.
- Ensure that the ground conditions for operation of any equipment are suitable and fit for purpose.
- Compliance of the Road Traffic Act is always the responsibility of the hirer.
- It is the hirer's responsibility to make the equipment available for routine servicing.

## SAFETY & MAINTENANCE – ATTACHMENTS

- The attachment must never be used to lift more than the safe working load, always ensure the combined weight of the attachment and load do not exceed the machine safe working load.
- Never overextend the boom on telescopic handlers fitted with attachments (refer to the manufacturer information for reference)
- Always lift loads with a smooth and even movement, avoid jerking the load and sudden changes in direction
- Attachments should always be appropriate for the machine and fitted in a secure manner
- Whilst using attachments, never walk or allow any person to walk underneath hoisted loads, always guard against loose items by using appropriate safety equipment. Never put any parts of the body under the load.
- It is the hirer's responsibility to make the equipment available for routine servicing

All hires are open ended, we will only collect when you have called to say you are finished.

Please have the telehandler in a clean condition and keys together before we arrive to collect.