

Boomlift / Manlift

Used Boom Lift Oceanside - The boom lift is one of the most popular kinds of aerial machinery. Boom lifts go by numerous names including cherry pickers, elevating work platforms, aerial platforms, aerial devices and mobile elevating work platforms; created to conduct jobs at higher elevations. Many industries rely on boom lifts every day including retail locations, construction contractors, companies and warehouses. Workers need to remain safe as they access locations at higher altitudes. There is a wide variety of boom lift models to choose from. A single operator can control a variety of boom lift models. This equipment became popular in the orchard industry to harvest fruit without having to climb a ladder and balance heavy baskets or pails. It can be difficult to secure a ladder on farmland or in orchard settings. Boom lifts make it much easier to reach high tree tops for collecting fruit. Gaining Access Over Obstacles Some boom lift models can move up and over obstacles, making them ideal for working over top of items safely and efficiently. Having the capacity to reach an object even when you are unable to maneuver the equipment directly underneath has a variety of applications including window cleaning, telephone pole and line installation and service, fixing overhead cables and numerous other industries. With a variety of joints allowing the machine to bend over or under items, the articulated boom lift is helpful for numerous applications. These sections can independently move to allow workers to gain access to a variety of places. This equipment is popular in narrow storage locations and hallways thanks to its' tight turning radius. There are dual-fuel models that can work inside and outside; diesel is best utilized outside while interior locations rely on electric models. Articulating Boom Lifts These boom lifts are popular for numerous construction and maintenance jobs. They provide a vital piece to the fleet for servicing power lines and overhead wires. Firefighters may use these machines and some articulated boom lifts have water cannons. Telescoping sections are available on certain models to extend reach to the maximum. Some articulating boom lift models have an extra jib to enable their platform to reach six feet further in any direction. These boom lifts go by the nickname of "spiders," since their legs can support the entire machine on steep or difficult terrain. Smaller units called interior articulating boom lifts are capable of fitting through doorways, making them valuable in retail, warehousing and storage facilities. Electric boom lifts are common for interior jobs due to their quieter options and lack of unhealthy carbon monoxide exhaust. Telescopic Boom Lifts Articulating boom lifts and telescopic boom lifts move differently from each other. These models extend upwards and outwards, relying on hydraulics that extend and retract. The operator who is situated in the platform has the controls to operate and extend the lift on their own. Some taller and larger models have a jib situated near the top that is similar to an articulating boom lift model. Some models of boom lifts can achieve a reach of more than 180 feet. This equipment has been designed to be reliable and stable, with certain models capable of reaching their extended height in less than a minute. There are dual-fuel and diesel models available. Weight range capacities vary from 500 lbs. to 1000 lbs. and speed is adjustable. Available in 4WD and the ability to fit through small spaces. Telescopic boom lifts are your best choice for combining reach and height. Jib The jib is the extension found at the end of the main boom and between the platform. Certain models offer an additional articulation point or hinge that allows the platform to travel horizontally and vertically. Jibs are available on telescoping boom lifts and articulating boom lifts. Articulating models have a joint situated roughly halfway between the wheels and the platform to enable it to reach over an obstacle and then lower again if required. Genie Articulating Boom Lifts The Genie Z-boom model is a common kind of articulating boom lift that can be found on the market. This unit offers exceptional versatility for accessing difficult to reach locations with the capacity to lift up, over and out with precision. The first Genie Z-30/20 articulating Z-boom model was launched in 1985. Thanks to their "up an over" abilities, they have gained the ultimate popularity that continues today. Proper Safety Measures Of course, safety is the highest priority when operating any type of boom lift. Safety hazards must be advertised to everyone who is working in the area for best practices. Safely operating the equipment is a top priority for

the operator and everyone in the working environment. Before operating the machine, effective communication and essential safety gear need to be in place. Ensure there are no flammable or combustible items, open flame or lit cigarettes near the machine, engine fuels or battery gases. For the ultimate safety, it is important to have a visible, safely mounted and accessible fire extinguisher within the operators reach. Keep work surfaces and charging stations clean and free from clutter or tools that could puncture the tires or damage the machine or its components. Daily Maintenance Daily maintenance includes a visual inspection and consulting the maintenance manual to ensure the machine is up to date and will operate safely. Lifting and supportive devices need to stabilize the weight on hand. Chains, fasteners and straps need to be inspected regularly to ensure they are in optimum condition. Single use components and fasteners cannot be reused due to their risk of failure. It is vital to discard oils and solvents safely and efficiently to prevent contaminating the environment. Workbenches and workshop or garage areas need to have adequate lighting and ventilation. Typically the wide umbrella of maintenance is distinguished by subsections such as Commissioning and Programmed Maintenance Intervals, Annual Maintenance, and Quarterly Maintenance. Maintenance Inspection Report The boom lift components are divided and categorized to streamline the process of inspection. Popular categories include Engine, Drive Chassis, Platform, Booms, Turntable, Controls and Function. Improper completion can result in unsafe operation, damage to components, poor performance and downtime. A large part of keeping the boom lift secure and operational is the maintenance inspection report that ensures the operator is safe and monitors the machine's performance and service. A list of single maintenance procedures that need to be conducted at 50-hour and 150-hour intervals is known as commissioning. Quarterly and annual maintenance is required to be performed throughout the year. Maintenance procedures are based on the operating hours of the boom lift and programmed maintenance may be conducted during pre-delivery machine preparation. Prior to operating your equipment, check your maintenance manual to make sure all of the fluid levels, oil changes, battery life and maintenance are up to date.