

## Boomlift / Manlift

Used Boom Lift Santa Clarita - The boom lift is one of the most popular kinds of aerial machinery. Also referred to as elevating work platforms, aerial devices, cherry pickers, mobile elevating work platforms and aerial work platforms, boom lifts are capable of completing jobs at higher elevations easily and efficiently. Many industries rely on boom lifts every day including retail locations, construction contractors, companies and warehouses. Keeping workers safe as they access conditions in a higher altitude is priceless. The material handling industry offers many boom lift models. 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. Since ladders require even, solid ground for setting them up safely, they can be unreliable in the agricultural industry. Boom lifts make it much easier to reach high tree tops for collecting fruit. Gaining Access Over Obstacles Boom lifts make working over top of obstacle much easier as many models have been engineered to travel up and over items. This equipment is used in numerous industries including installing telephone poles and lines, maintaining overhead cables and window cleaning applications due to their ability to reach items when it is not practical to situate the machine directly underneath the issue. The articulated boom lift is an example that has numerous joints enabling it to bend over or under items. To enable operators to access many places, these sections of the boom lift can move independently. Articulated booms feature a tight turning radius, making them ideal for hallways and narrow storage corridors. The dual-fuel boom lifts provide service in both exterior and interior locations. Diesel models are used outside while electric boom lifts are implemented in interior locations. Articulating Boom Lifts These boom lifts are popular for numerous construction and maintenance jobs. These machines are often seen servicing overhead wires and power lines. Firefighters even rely on them and some models feature 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. Capable of fitting through doorways, interior articulating boom lifts are more compact and used commonly in storage, retail and warehousing applications. Interior models are typically electric boom lifts due to their lack of dangerous carbon monoxide exhaust and quieter features. Telescopic Boom Lifts Articulating boom lifts and telescopic boom lifts move differently from each other. Instead, they extend outwards and upwards with hydraulics that retract and extend. 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 diesel and dual-fuel options with adjustable speed and weight range options from five hundred to one thousand pounds. Available in 4WD and the ability to fit through small spaces. Telescopic boom lifts are your best choice for combining reach and height. Jib Certain boom lift models have a jib or an extension located between the platform and the end of the main boom. Certain models offer an additional articulation point or hinge that allows the platform to travel horizontally and vertically. Jibs are an option on many telescoping and articulating boom lifts. Articulating boom lifts have a joint found approximately halfway between the platform and the wheels to allow it to reach over obstacles. The operator can lower the machine again afterward if required. Genie Articulating Boom Lifts A well known articulating boom lift that can be seen in a variety of applications is the Genie Z-boom. Designed to provide the most versatility in difficult to access spaces, this model has the capacity to lift up, over and out with superior positioning. In 1985, the first Genie Z-30/20 articulating Z-boom was introduced; their up-and-over capacity make them instantly popular and this design continues today. Proper Safety Measures Safety is the utmost priority when operating any kind of boom lift. It is essential that all potential safety hazards are

known to anyone working within the area to maintain a safe atmosphere. Safe operation of the machine and personal safety must be paramount. Before starting the boom lift, it is paramount that the proper safety gear and communication is in place. Ensure there are no flammable or combustible items, open flame or lit cigarettes near the machine, engine fuels or battery gases. It is important to have an accessible, securely mounted and visible fire extinguisher mounted 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 Before engaging in activity, it is vital to do a visual inspection and consult the maintenance records to make sure all items are up to date and safe prior to operation. These industrial machines rely on lifting and supportive mechanisms to stabilize the weight. Chains, fasteners and straps need to be inspected regularly to ensure they are in optimum condition. Single-use fasteners and components must not be reused as they may fail and become extremely dangerous. It is vital to discard oils and solvents safely and efficiently to prevent contaminating the environment. Adequate ventilation and lighting are essential in garages, workshops and along workbenches. To organize and specify, maintenance is categorized into a variety of subsections including Annual Maintenance, Quarterly Maintenance, Programmed and Commissioning Maintenance Intervals. Maintenance Inspection Report Key components of the boom lift are divided up to categorize the inspection process. Common maintenance categories include Control and Function, Turntable, Booms, Platform, Drive Chassis and Engine. Not complying with routine maintenance can put the operator at a huge safety risk, lead to damaged components, terrible performance and preventable downtime. The maintenance inspection report is an essential component to keeping the machine operable and the staff safe while extending the service life and overall performance of the machine. The term commissioning refers to a list of single maintenance procedures that need to be completed at 50- and 150-hour intervals to keep the machine optimally running. Quarterly and annual maintenance is required to be performed throughout the year. Programmed maintenance procedures are completed based on machine operating hours or during "pre-delivery" 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.