

## Boomlift / Manlift

Used Boom Lift Los Angeles - The boom lift is one of the most popular kinds of aerial machinery. Commonly known as aerial work platforms, mobile elevating work platforms, cherry pickers, aerial devices and elevating work platforms, it was engineered to complete work at higher locations more efficient and easier. 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. There is a wide variety of boom lift models to choose from. A single operator can control a variety of boom lift models. Boom lifts are beloved in the agricultural and orchard industries, used to harvest fruit without requiring a separate ladder, they keep workers much safer since there is not climbing or bucket balancing involved. It can be difficult to secure a ladder on farmland or in orchard settings. Harvesting fruit is much safer and simpler with a boom lift compared to using a ladder. Gaining Access Over Obstacles Certain boom lifts are designed to move up and over items. This makes working over obstacles possible 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. Articulated boom lifts are comprised of many joints that allow the machine to bend under or over obstacles. To enable operators to access many places, these sections of the boom lift can move independently. Famous for their tight turning radius, articulated booms offer an ideal solution for narrow hallways and storage facilities. Dual-fuel models can work both inside and outside. Diesel versions are best suited outside and electric models are preferred for interior environments.

Articulating Boom Lifts Articulated boom lifts are commonly found on construction sites and used in maintenance applications. Articulated boom lifts are utilized commonly for working on overhead power lines and wires. Firefighters may use these machines and some articulated boom lifts have water cannons. Maximum reach can be attained with telescoping boom sections on certain models. Some articulating boom lift models have an extra jib to enable their platform to reach six feet further in any direction. Since these machines commonly work on steep ground and rough terrain, they resemble “spiders” with their long legs, and often go by that nickname on the job site. 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 Telescopic boom lifts do not bend the way articulating boom lifts do. These units use hydraulics to retract and extend outwards and upwards. 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. These machines are built to be stable and reliable. Some are able to extend to their full height capacity in less than 60 seconds. Adjustable speed, along with varying weight range capacities from 500 to 1000 lbs. are available in dual-fuel and diesel options. Boom lifts can fit through tiny spaces and there are 4WD options on the market. Telescopic booms are common in a variety of settings due to their ability to combine height and reach. 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. Articulating boom lifts and telescoping boom lifts may have jibs. 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 A popular type of articulating boom lift manufactured on the market is the Genie Z-boom Model. 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. It is essential that all potential safety hazards are known to anyone working within the area to maintain a safe atmosphere. 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. Have a properly mounted, accessible and visible fire extinguisher mounted within 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 It is important to conduct a visual inspection prior to operating and to consult the maintenance manual to ensure everything is up to date. 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 fasteners and components must not be reused as they may fail and become extremely dangerous. Environmental contamination can be prevented by properly discarding oils safely in an approved container. Safety can be increased with proper lighting and adequate ventilation along workbenches and within workshops and garages. 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 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. 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. 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. There are a variety of programmed maintenance procedures based on preparing the machine for pre-delivery machine operating. Consult your maintenance manual prior to operating to ensure all oil changes, battery life and fluid levels are primed for success.