

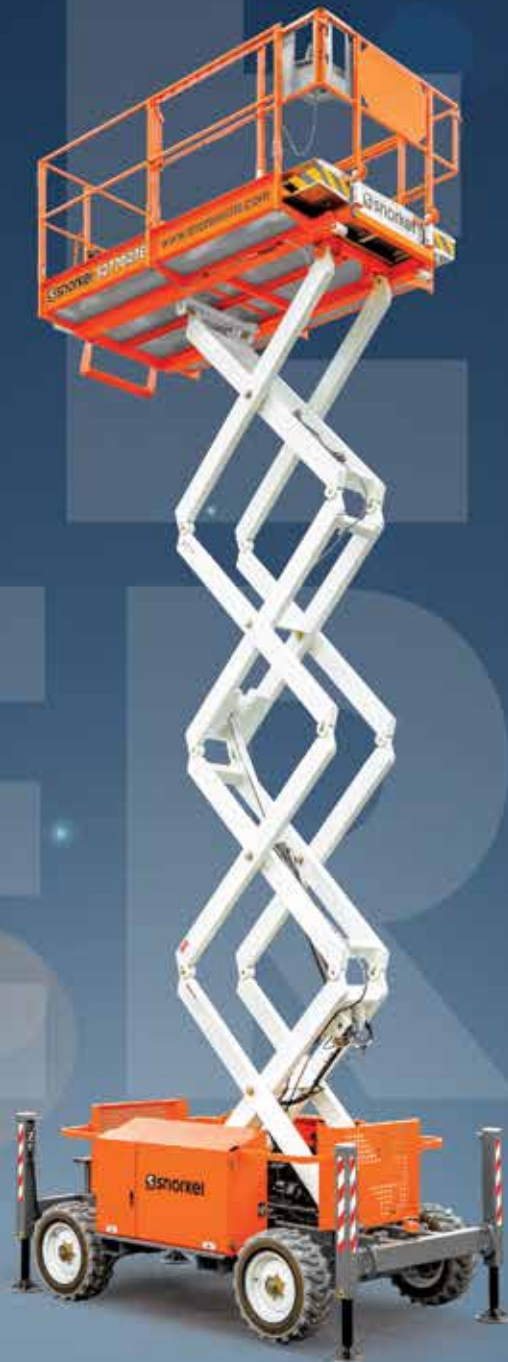
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# UK & Ireland Top 30 rental companies

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This time last year the UK lifting related rental industry was showing strong signs of bouncing back, with utilisation and rates beginning to pick up again after a dreadful second quarter, but uncertainty was high and sure enough Covid-19 came back with a vengeance, although not causing as much disruption as the first time around.

As we have moved through 2021 normality has returned – almost. Most companies are busy now and investing in their fleets, or at least placing orders for new machines, as manufacturer's lead times grow by the week. As we moved into September HGV driver shortages began to bite, as supermarkets lured crane or big truck mounted lift drivers away, with signing on bonuses and the promise of high hourly pay levels. Just one more challenge, particularly for the crane companies. So far this has not impacted fleet numbers, with most companies feeling that it will eventually sort itself out.

Last year we reported how most of the largest rental companies made substantial staff cut backs, and closed depots. We forecast then that this would play into the hands of the better regional and local companies, and that seems to be what has happened. Which means that some of the 'consolidation' that occurred in prior years has been rolled back – as all too often happens.

While the crane market has been a little more settled, all companies are struggling to manage with low rates, increasing staff shortages and the prospect of higher fuel costs next year. Combined with the absolute certainty that crane operator pay will have to increase, owners are being forced to consider future strategies. Meanwhile the tower crane rental business has bounced back more strongly than

for mobiles, with the future looking quite bright with the result that companies are adding to their fleets.

## Acquisitions

In terms of acquisitions, this past year has been quiet, with just a few significant moves, including AER acquiring Mainline and adding it to its Mr Plant Hire and Drogheda Hire operations. Speedy formally merged all of its previous acquisitions - Prolift, Platform Sales & Hire and Lifterz - into a single entity, while Briggs continued its expansion adding Laois Hire to its stable of access rental companies. GT Access also took over Neon this summer, while last month telehandler rental company Morris Leslie purchased the equipment hire division of Selwood, which included its telehandler fleet.

## Methodology

As in previous years, questionnaires were sent to every company that might qualify for any of the various categories or charts. We improved on last year's introduction of interactive online forms, resulting in the best participation ever, although it has taken a good deal of time to bring in the last dozen or two laggards. We also follow up on remaining companies with calls or emails, keeping the number of estimated fleets to a minimal. The number of companies asking not to be included dropped back to normal levels, although we did have at least one, which



obliges us to estimate the fleet, then cross checking with competitors or major customers. As always, some companies understate their fleets, while others exaggerated. We try and keep an eye out for these but, as always, some make it through. With the sheer volume of information received it is also almost certain that the occasionally error will creep in. So please inform us of any inaccuracies or

discrepancies you may notice, and we will do our best to update the online and digital magazine versions.

## Thank You

Finally, and most importantly, a very big thank you to all of the companies that participated, especially those that supported our efforts as sponsors of what we hope will prove to be another useful and insightful report for our many end user readers.



# TOP 30

## Cranes

With a fair bit of uncertainty still lingering from the disruptions of Covid, crane rental companies have been refreshing and replenish their fleets. As a result, fleet numbers have generally remained the same, despite a collective spend more than £200 million on new cranes.

Where fleets have been slimmed down, it is mostly by just one or two machines. This year we separated crawler cranes from the mobile crane chart as the effect on the totals was negligible. The arrows indicating fleet size changes were therefore based on last year's mobile cranes figures only, and not the overall total.

Incredibly (we double checked to be sure) the number of tower cranes in the UK remains exactly the same as last year at 2,028, in spite of more than £62 million of new investment from just half of the respondents that disclosed their investment figures. Flat tops and hammerhead numbers remained the same at 685, while luffers increased a little and self-erector numbers were slightly lower.



### TOP MOBILE CRANE COMPANIES

Company	Total	ATs/ RTs Trucks	Mobile Tower	Pick & Carry	Depots	Staff	
Ainscough	401	▲	391	10	0	30	890
King Lifting	126	▲	122	2	2	9	280
Bryn Thomas Cranes	63	▼	56	5	2	5	110
Emsley Crane Hire	63	▼	62	1	0	2	71
Baldwins*	61	▼	60	1	0	11	N/D
Emerson Crane Hire	59	▼	58	1	0	3	100
Bronzeshield	57	—	54	3	0	1	N/D
City Lifting	56	▼	36	20	0	4	170
Marsh Plant	56	▼	56	0	0	5	92
Davies Crane Hire	53	▲	50	2	1	4	78
Sparrow Crane	50	▲	49	1	0	2	81
NMT Crane Hire	49	▲	40	5	4	5	80
Kavanagh Crane Hire	48	▲	44	4	0	4	95
Sarens UK	47	▲	43	3	1	5	130
Mammoet*	46	—	44	1	1	3	400
Quinto Crane & Plant*	46	▲	45	1	0	5	105
Southern Cranes & Access	44	▼	40	3	1	6	96
John Sutch Cranes	42	—	42	0	0	3	110
ABA Cranes	41	▲	38	1	2	1	61
Forsyth of Denny	39	▲	36	1	2	4	97
Wm. O'Brien	38	▲	38	0	0	1	80
Crowland Cranes	37	▲	35	0	2	3	65
MacSalvors	33	▲	33	0	0	3	N/D
Dewsbury & Proud	32	—	30	0	2	4	50
East Cork Crane Hire	26	NEW ENTRY	24	2	0	1	30
Whyte Crane Services	25	▼	25	0	0	2	49
Crane Hire Ltd	24	▼	22	2	0	2	45
Bernard Hunter	24	—	20	4	0	2	55
PP Engineering	23	▲	21	0	2	1	N/D
Marsden Crane Services	22	▲	19	0	3	1	25
Steve Foster Cranes*	21	—	19	1	1	1	40
Tusker Crane Hire	21	▲	21	0	0	3	60
Cork Crane Hire	19	▼	14	5	0	1	35
Bob Francis Crane Hire*	18	▼	18	0	0	4	N/D
Windhoist	18	—	18	0	0	N/D	N/D
J. Hewitt Crane Hire*	17	▼	15	0	2	1	N/D
Cadman Cranes	17	▼	17	0	0	2	28
County Lifting	17	▼	13	0	4	1	31
Horizon Crane Hire	17	—	14	3	0	2	25
Thanet Crane	16	NEW ENTRY	16	0	0	1	27
AB2K	13	—	13	0	0	1	15
APH Crane Hire	13	—	13	0	0	1	16
Cramscene	12	—	12	0	0	2	25
Frank Barnes Crane Hire	11	NEW ENTRY	11	0	0	1	15



### LARGEST MOBILE CRANES

Company	Cap.	Make & Model	# in Fleet
Sarens UK	1,200t	Gottwald AK 680-3	1
Windhoist	1,200t	Liebherr LTM 11200-9.1	1
Wm. O'Brien	1,200t	Liebherr LTM 11200-9.1	N/D
Mammoet	1,200t	Liebherr LTM 11200-9.1	N/D
Baldwins	1,000t	Liebherr LTM 11000D	N/D
Ainscough	1,000t	Liebherr LTM 11000D	1
Osprey Heavy Lift	800t	Liebherr LTM 1800D	1
East Cork Crane Hire	800t	Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1	1
Crane Hire Ltd	800t	Liebherr LTM 1750-9.1	1
King Lifting	750t	Liebherr LG 1750	1
Bernard Hunter	700t	Liebherr LTM 1650-8.1	1
Bronzeshield	500t	Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1	1
Forsyth of Denny	500t	Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1	2
Kavanagh Crane Hire	500t	Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1	1
NMT Crane Hire	500t	Liebherr LTM 1500-8.1	2
Whyte Crane Services	500t	Liebherr LTM 1500-8.2	1
City Lifting	450t	Liebherr LTM 1450-8.1	1
Cramscene	450t	Grove GMK7450	1
Emerson Crane Hire	450t	Liebherr LTM 1450-8.1	1
Davies Crane Hire	450t	Demag AC450-7	1
John Sutch Cranes	450t	Demag AC450-7	N/D
Tusker Crane Hire	350t	Terex AC350/6	1
Bryn Thomas Cranes	300t	Grove GMK 6300L	N/D
Quinto Crane & Plant	300t	Grove GMK 6300L	N/D
Steve Foster Cranes	300t	Grove GMK6300L	1
Wolffkran	300t	Grove GMK6300L	1
Sthem. Cranes & Access	300t	Liebherr LTM 1300-6.2	1

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## TOP TOWER CRANE COMPANIES

## LARGEST CRANE IN FLEET

Company	Total	Hammerhead /Flat Tops	Luffers	Self Erectors	Depots	Staff	Capacity	Model	# in Fleet
Falcon Tower Crane Services	430	▲	121	239	70	5	406	Jaso J780PA.64	5
London Tower Crane	265	▼	100	150	15	3	250	Jost 416.24	5
Wolffkran UK	204	▼	73	131	0	1	280	Wolff 1250B	1
Select Plant Hire	186	▼	41	145	0	4	684	Terex CTL 1600-66	3
City Lifting	177	▲	65	86	26	4	170	Comansa 21 LC 750	1
Mantis Cranes	129	▲	36	0	93	3	48	Saez TLS 75	5
Bennetts Cranes	109	—	22	87	0	1	N/D	Comedil CTL 630	1
Uperio UK	94	▲	32	57	5	3	35	Terex CTL 260	2
Ladybird Crane Hire	81	—	31	0	50	1	21	Potain MCT 88	20
Radius	63	▼	20	43	0	1	92	Potain MR608	3
Irish Crane & Lifting	60	▲	59	1	0	2	N/D	Terex CTT 331	5
Trident Lifting Solutions	59	▲	17	42	0	1	N/D	Comansa LCL500	5
Heathrow Cranes	57	▲	14	43	0	2	N/D	Moritsch RTL 325	3
Lewis Tower Crane Services	56	—	36	11	9	2	19	Liebherr 280 EC-H-16	4
Sparrow Crane	42	—	2	0	40	2	81	Liebherr 81K	4

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CRANE COMPANIES & INVESTMENT

Company	Investment	# Bought	# Sold
Ainscough	£30,000,000	41	12
Select Plant Hire	£24,500,000	N/D	N/D
Weldex	£16,000,000	N/D	N/D
Falcon Tower Crane Services	£14,500,000	27	27
Delden Cranes	£14,000,000	N/D	N/D
Forsyth Of Denny	£7,210,000	10	8
East Cork Crane Hire	£5,500,000	4	2
Bernard Hunter	£5,000,000	3	3
AGD Equipment	£5,000,000	17	0
Sparrow Crane Hire	£4,700,000	N/D	N/D
Kavanagh Crane Hire	£4,250,000	6	4
Crane Hire Ltd	£4,000,000	N/D	N/D
Davies Crane Hire	£3,750,000	N/D	N/D
Southern Cranes & Access	£3,500,000	11	12
ABA Cranes	£3,500,000	6	5
John Sutch Cranes	£3,500,000	8	6
Trident Lifting Solutions	£3,400,000	N/D	N/D
Cork Crane Hire	£3,000,000	3	5
Dewsbury & Proud	£3,000,000	9	3
Bryn Thomas Cranes	£2.5-4,000,000	4	6
Uperio UK	£2,500,000	4	11
G.H. Johnson Crane Hire	£2,500,000	6	2
Emsley Crane Hire	£2,100,000	N/D	N/D
AB2K	£2,000,000	4	3
Marsden Crane Services	£2,000,000	5	0
NMT Crane Hire	£2,000,000	N/D	N/D
Radius	£1,900,000	N/D	N/D
Horizon Crane Hire	£1,650,000	N/D	N/D
Cadman Cranes	£1,600,000	3	1
GGR Group	£1,500,000	22	16
Wolffkran UK	£1,350,000	N/D	N/D
Stoddart Crane Hire	£1,300,000	3	2
Hird	£1,250,000	7	0
Emerson Crane Hire	£1,000,000	1	8
Lewis Tower Crane Services	£1,000,000	4	0
Hawks Crane Hire	£1,000,000	3	1
Marsh Plant	£980,000	2	4
Thanet Crane Hire	£950,000	N/D	N/D
Berry Cranes	£900,000	2	2
John Taylor Crane Services	£706,000	34	20
APH Crane Hire	£525,000	1	1
Ellis Crane Hire	£500,000	N/D	N/D
Walsh Cranes	£425,000	1	1
County Lifting	£358,000	N/D	N/D
Ladybird Cranes	£300,000	4	2



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TOP CRAWLER CRANE COMPANIES

Company	Total	Full Size		Mini (<12t)	Depots	Staff
		Lattice	Telescopic			
Weldex	149	98	50	1	2	150
Select Plant Hire	81	38	39	4	4	684
AGD Equipment	71	11	50	10	1	50
NRC Plant*	70	30	15	25	1	N/D
Delden Cranes	58	44	14	0	1	N/D
Q Crane & Plant Hire*	50	42	6	2	1	N/D
G.H. Johnson Crane Hire	41	30	10	1	1	25
BPH Equipment*	35	25	10	0	2	50
GGR Group	34	0	0	34	3	145
Sarens UK	26	20	6	0	5	130
Jones Crawler Cranes*	20	8	10	2	1	N/D
Hawks Crane Hire	16	12	6	0	1	18
Sparrow Crane	9	0	0	9	2	81

LARGEST CRAWLER CRANES

Company	Capacity	Make & Model	# in Fleet
Sarens UK	1,600t	Demag CC8800 BB	1
Weldex	1,350t	Liebherr LR 11350	N/D
Wm. O'Brien	1,350	Liebherr LR 11350	1
Mammoet	1200t	Gottwald AK-912-1	N/D
Windhoist	750t	Liebherr LR 1750	1
Ainscough	600t	Terex CC2800	1
Delden Cranes	400t	Demag CC2400-1	1
Hawks Crane Hire	300t	Liebherr LR1300	1
Select Plant Hire	300t	Liebherr LR 1300	4
NRC Plant	275t	HSC SCX2800A-3	N/D
G.H. Johnson Crane Hire	250t	Kobelco CKE2500G	2
BPH Equipment	250t	Kobelco CKE2500-2	N/D

TOP MINI/SPIDER/PICK & CARRY COMPANIES

Company	Total	Mini Crawlers	Spider Cranes	Pick & Carry	Depots	Staff
GGR Group	253	34	154	65	3	145
Hird	159	0	83	76	4	100+
Lift Ltd	71	3	68	0	1	30
AMC Hire*	57	1	55	1	2	N/D
Coppard Plant Hire	54	1	45	8	4	N/D
TCA Lifting*	29	6	20	3	1	N/D
NRC Plant*	25	25	0	0	1	N/D
Sparrow Crane	17	9	8	0	2	81
City Lifting	12	3	5	4	4	170
AGD Equipment	10	10	0	0	1	50
John Taylor Crane Services	9	1	8	0	1	9
Emerson Crane Hire	7	4	3	0	3	100
Crowland Cranes	7	3	2	2	3	65
Marsden Crane Services	6	3	0	3	1	25
Southern Cranes & Access	6	0	5	1	6	96



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# TOP 30 Access

The UK powered access market seems to have recovered well, with only 15 percent of companies reporting fleet reductions. Most companies used last year to update their fleets, however, there have been signs of significant growth in the middle market, from companies such as Aspire, Hire Safe Solutions, Star Platforms, Mainline, Powered Access Services and Media Access

Solutions which have collectively spent more than £40 million.

Another sector to report solid growth is the van mounted market, which is up 30 percent on last year. This included Access Hire Nationwide which broke through the 1,000 unit mark with the addition of 300 new machines. Another interesting area of growth was number of fleets topped by large Dingli scissor

lifts. Last year, this accounted for just two companies, however this year more than eight companies have them, with the 22 metre 2223/2212 electric/Rough Terrain models proving popular. This is not the case with the large boom lift market, where fleets have grown by close to 30 percent, and continues to be dominated by JLG and Genie.

## TOP POWERED ACCESS COMPANIES

Company	Total	Booms articulated	Booms telescopic	Scissors lifts	Push arrounds	Mast booms	Spider lifts	Truck mounts	Van mounts	Trailer lifts
Nationwide Platforms	13,682 ▲	3,966	529	7,639	285	479	130	320	334	0
Speedy Powered Access	8,913 ▲	728	47	4,631	3,194	294	7	7	0	5
HSS Hire	7,809 ▲	0	115	3,606	3,570	518	0	0	0	0
AFI-Uplift	6,354 ▼	1,632	114	4,164	96	120	38	93	87	10
MEP Hire	4,900 ▲	0	0	200	4,700	0	0	0	0	0
Sunbelt Rentals	4,737 ▲	1,258	207	2,270	770	212	20	0	0	0
Aspire Platforms	3,184 ▲	1,634	0	801	637	112	0	0	0	0
Star Platforms AA	2,847 ▲	266	6	1,850	629	96	0	0	0	0
JMS Powered Access AL	2,796 ▲	330	36	1,250	1,100	30	46	2	1	1
Height For Hire	2,772 —	990	350	950	100	30	100	50	200	2
GT Access AA	2,745 ▲	685	42	1,620	205	125	30	2	26	10
CW Access Rental	1,707 ▲	467	79	780	350	25	4	0	0	2
Advanced Access Platforms AL	1,246 ▲	248	39	712	138	88	21	0	0	0
Riwal UK	1,213 ▲	297	139	651	36	90	0	0	0	0
Access Hire Nationwide	1,006 ▲	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	948	0
Elavation	988 ▲	428	0	406	112	12	24	0	0	6
Briggs Equipment	882 ▲ NEW ENTRY	197	108	512	10	51	1	3	0	0
Horizon Platforms	854 ▲	83	0	492	155	124	0	0	0	0
Hire Safe Solutions	848 ▲	349	113	327	30	10	19	0	0	0
Mainline Hire AL	820 ▲	211	40	455	98	0	8	0	0	8
Mr Plant Hire AA	817 ▲	70	2	210	465	65	5	0	0	0
KDM Hire AL	770 ▲	153	46	436	104	0	10	5	10	6
1 Up Access AA	627 ▲	240	25	350	0	10	0	0	0	2
UK Powered Access AA	602 ▲	107	8	356	40	31	1	17	39	3
JPS Platforms AL*	594 ▼	75	5	350	140	20	4	0	0	0
Powered Access Services	581 ▲	269	12	287	6	6	1	0	0	0
Hird AL	579 ▲	175	10	341	30	15	5	0	3	0
Media Access Solutions	571 ▲	198	35	315	4	15	0	4	0	0
Smiths Equipment Hire	547 ▲	102	0	304	105	31	2	0	0	3
Premier Platforms AA	489 ▲	145	13	301	14	14	0	1	0	1
Upward Powered Access AA	451 ▲ NEW ENTRY	120	10	270	10	35	6	0	0	0
Select Plant Hire	441 ▲	36	0	405	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access Plus AA*	435 ▼	90	5	340	0	0	0	0	0	0
OK Tool Hire AL	364 ▲	61	23	248	12	14	2	2	0	2
Bella Access	355 —	65	10	239	30	10	1	0	0	0
2 Cousins AL*	354 ▼	85	10	210	25	10	12	1	0	1
LTC Powered Access AL	324 ▲	91	31	164	15	8	5	0	8	2
Aerial Platform Hire	293 ▲	50	33	194	8	7	1	0	0	0
Manlift	276 ▲	64	17	151	15	21	4	4	0	0
One Stop Hire AA	271 ▼	0	0	45	226	0	0	0	0	0
Ashbrook AL	264 —	107	5	118	0	33	0	0	0	1
The Platform Hire Centre	218 ▲	29	2	132	25	30	0	0	0	0
United Powered Access	215 ▲	44	4	142	15	10	0	0	0	0
M & J Engineers	202 ▲ NEW ENTRY	57	0	125	2	18	0	0	0	0
Dromad Hire	200 ▲ NEW ENTRY	40	0	110	0	10	40	0	0	0

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## TOP TRUCK MOUNTED FLEETS

Company	Total	Truck	Van
Access Hire Nationwide	1,006	58	948
Nationwide Platforms	654	320	334
Height For Hire	250	50	200
Smart Platform	194	164	30
AFI-Uplift	180	93	87
Blade Access AA	76	67	9
Elev8 AL	66	41	25
UK Powered Access AA	56	17	39
Orion Access*	30	30	0
NSS Hire	32	15	17
GT Access AA	28	2	26
Maps Platforms	21	4	17
PG Platforms AA	20	12	8
Clearview Access*	15	15	0
KDM Hire AL	15	5	10



LARGEST SCISSOR LIFTS

Company	Height & Model	# in Fleet
JMS Powered Access	34m JLG Liftlux 320-30	N/D
AFI-Uplift	32m Holland Lift G320	3
Mainline	33.5m Holland Lift HL340D30	6
Riwal UK	33.5m Holland Lift HL340D30	3
Hire Safe Solutions	33.5m Holland Lift HL340D30	13
Nationwide Platforms	33.5m Holland Lift HL340D30	2
Advanced Access Platforms	32m Dingli JCPT3214	2
1 Up Access	32m Dingli JCPT3214DC	2
Powered Access Services	27.5m PB 275-24RT	2
KDM Hire	27m Holland Lift 275D25	N/D
Height For Hire	26m JLG Liftlux 245-25	11
Horizon Platforms	22.5m PB Lift 225-12	N/D
Speedy Powered Access	22.3m PB S225-24DS	N/D
CW Access Rental	22m Dingli JCPT2223DC	6
Upward Powered Access	22m Dingli 2223DC/RT	6
Star Platforms	22m Dingli 2212/2223DC	30
GT Access	22m Dingli 2223DC	4
Elavation	22m Dingli JCPT2223RT	8
Premier Platforms	22m Dingli JCPT2232B	2
Cannon Access	21.5m Holland Lift B195	N/D
Aerial Platform Hire	21m JLG SL210-25	N/D
OK Tool Hire	19.5m Holland Lift B195	2
Media Access Solutions	19m Airo XL19E	N/D
UK Powered Access	18m Skyjack SJ9258	4

LARGEST SPIDER LIFTS

Company	Height & Model	# in Fleet
JMS Powered Access	52m Falcon FS520C	N/D
TCA Lifting	52m Palazzani XTJ52	1
Hire Safe Solutions	50m Teupen Leo50GTX	2
Elite Access Rentals	43m Platform Basket 43T	1
VP Higher Access	42m Teupen Puma 42GTX	2
Clerkin Elevation	42m Ommelift 4200 RBDJ	1
Fletcher Access	42m Ommelift 4200 RBDJ	1
Height For Hire	42m Falcon FS420C	3
SPIDERLIFT	42m Falcon FS420C	N/D
Blade Access	36m Teupen Leo36T	4
Elev8	36m Teupen Leo36T	3
Orion Access	34m Palazzani TSJ 34	N/D
AFI-Uplift	33m Falcon FS330Z	1
PG Platforms	33m Hinowa 33.17	N/D
Rapid Platforms	31m Teupen Leo 31T	N/D
Nationwide Platforms	31m Teupen Leo31T	8
Acrolift	30m Teupen Leo30T	1
Cannon Access	26m Hinowa 26.14	1
KDM Hire	26m Hinowa 26.14	N/D
Advanced Access Platforms	26m Hinowa 26.14	4
Elavation	26m Hinowa 26.14	N/D
GT Access	26m Hinowa 26.14	N/D
Hird Ltd	26m Hinowa 26.14	1
Speedy Powered Access	36m Teupen Leo36T	N/D

LARGEST TRUCK MOUNTED LIFTS

Company	Height & Model	# in Fleet
Blade Access AA	102.5m Palfinger P1000	7
BMS	102.5m Palfinger P1000	1
Nationwide Platforms	90m Bronto S90HLA	1
Height For Hire	90m Bronto S90HLA	11
Clearview Access	90m Ruthmann T900-HF	1
Elev8 AL	90m Palfinger P900	2
Clerkin Elevation	90m Bronto S90HLA	2
AFI-Uplift	75m Palfinger P750	1
NSS Hire	70m Bronto S70XDT	3
ACS Access	70m Palfinger WT700	N/D
Orion Access	61m Wumag WT610	1
Media Access Solutions	56m Bronto S56XR	2
Palmer Access	56m Bronto S56XR	N/D
Smart Platform	56m Bronto S56XR	N/D



## LARGEST BOOM LIFTS

Company	Height & Model	# in Fleet	Boom type
Hire Safe Solutions	58m JLG 1850SJ	7	S
Riwal UK	58m JLG 1850SJ	6	S
AFI-Uplift	58m JLG 1850SJ	2	S
JMS Powered Access	58m JLG 1850SJ	2	S
Nationwide Platforms	56m Genie SX180	4	S
Advanced Access Platforms	48m Genie SX150	1	S
KDM Hire	48m Genie SX150	N/D	S
Aerial Platform Hire	48m JLG 1500SJ	N/D	S
Height For Hire	47m JLG 1500SJ	6	S
Sunbelt Rentals	43m Genie ZX135	15	A
1 Up Access	43m Genie ZX135	10	A
APH Access	43m Genie ZX135	N/D	A
Blade Access	43m Genie ZX135	16	A
Mainline	43m Genie Z135	11	A
Media Access Solutions	43m Genie Z135	2	A
Powered Access Service	43m Genie Z135	3	A
Gwynedd Forklifts	43m Genie Z135	3	A
Speedy Powered Access	43m JLG 1350SJP	N/D	A
CW Access Rental	43m JLG 1350SJP	3	S
LTC Powered Access	40m JLG 1250AJP	2	A
GT Access	40m Genie S125	2	S
Manlift	28m Skyjack SJ63AJ	N/D	A
Bella Access	28m Genie S85	3	S
Elavation	28m Nifty HR28	22	A
Star Platforms	28m Nifty HR28	7	A
The Platform Hire Centre	27m Manitou 280TJ	2	S
OK Tool Hire	27m Manitou T280	3	S

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## FLEET SUSTAINABILITY

Company	Electric	Hybrid	Diesel	LPG
MEP Hire	100	0	0	0
One Stop Hire	100	0	0	0
Select Plant Hire	90	2	8	0
Aspire Platforms	89	9.9	1.1	0
Core Access Rentals	75	15	10	0
GT Access	74	4	22	0
The Platform Hire Centre	70	20	10	0
Star Platforms	65	17	18	0
AFI-Uplift	65	5	30	0
M & J Engineers	65	6	29	0
Riwal UK	60	4	36	0
Mainline Hire	60	15	25	0
Dromad Hire	59	29.5	11.5	0
LTC Powered Access	55	5	40	0
Hird	50	15	35	0
PG Platforms	50	20	30	0
Nationwide Platforms	48	8	43	1
Sunbelt Rentals	47	10	43	0
Premier Platforms	45.8	17	25.7	11.5
Media Access Solutions	45	40	10	5
Ashbrook	44	13	43	0
Advanced Access Platforms	42	56	2	0
Elavation	40	50	10	0
1 Up Access	40	20	40	0
Gwynedd Forklifts	40	10	50	0
United Powered Access	40	40	20	0
Powered Access Services	36	18	46	0
Southern Access & Cranes	30	25	45	0
Maps Platforms	20	0	80	0
Fletcher Access	20	40	40	0
Hire Safe Solutions	10	29	60	1



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COMPANY DETAILS & INVESTMENT

Company	Investment	Depots	Staff	# Bought	#Sold
Sunbelt Rentals	£17,000,000	185	3,800	1017	380
Access Hire Nationwide	£16,850,000	3	58	N/D	N/D
Hire Safe Solutions	£16,500,000	2	41	391	36
GT Access	£10,000,000	12	150	420	0
Star Platforms	£8,000,000	6	111	N/D	N/D
Powered Access Service	£7,800,000	2	33	217	76
Mainline	£5,900,000	1	40	213	1
Blade Access	£5,500,000	5	110	19	2
Advanced Access Platforms	£4,100,000	4	51	256	102
Gwynedd Forklifts Access	£4,000,000	2	40	134	19
Media Access Solutions	£3,500,000	3	21	134	11
MEP Hire	£3,000,000	10	170	50	0
Elavation	£2,800,000	2	44	205	90
Dromad Hire	£2,544,820	1	32	40	0
Elev8	£2,500,000	2	65	22	3
1 Up Access	£2,000,000	2	40	42	12
Hird Ltd	£2,000,000	4	95	62	9
Select Plant Hire	£1,200,000	3	14	150	101
United Powered Access	£1,085,000	1	11	N/D	N/D
PG Platforms	£1,000,000	1	16	4	0
The Platform Hire Centre Ltd	£700,000	1	13	49	2
Premier Platforms	£675,000	2	25	34	9
Dewsbury & Proud	£600,000	4	50	4	0
Upward Powered Access	£500,000	4	18	97	0
Core Access Rentals	£250,000	2	6	25	0
Southern Cranes & Access	£236,000	6	96	6	7
LTC Powered Access	£200,000	3	22	4	0
Maps Platforms	£200,000	1	4	5	2
One Stop Hire	£96,000	25	204	13	16
Nationwide Platforms	N/D	32	1,002	1,739	1,426
Speedy Powered Access	N/D	N/D	N/D	776	435
Riwal UK	N/D	3	72	100	4
Smiths Hire	N/D	17	170	73	43
Horizon Platforms	N/D	1	70	50	0
OK Tool Hire	N/D	2	20	28	15
Newmarket Plant Hire	N/D	6	60	24	3
AFI-Uplift	N/D	19	332	N/D	N/D
VP Higher Access	N/D	9	19	N/D	N/D
KDM Hire	N/D	5	165	N/D	N/D
ASHBROOK Ltd	N/D	2	102	N/D	N/D
M & J Engineers Ltd	N/D	12	145	N/D	N/D
Height For Hire	N/D	34	198	N/D	N/D
CW Plant	N/D	19	315	N/D	N/D
Smart Platform	N/D	7	66	N/D	N/D
Bella Access	N/D	2	18	N/D	N/D



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# Telehandlers

Although anecdotal evidence suggests fleet numbers have remained static, particularly when it comes to investment, our survey shows a 37 percent increase in total fleet numbers. Part of this is due to a significantly better response from rental companies this year and a number of sizeable new entrants. However, several companies running smaller telehandler fleets have also increased the number of machines they offer.

This was without question our best ever in terms of the number of companies participating in the survey. But sadly, we have once again had to estimate more fleets than we feel comfortable with. In spite of the improving participation from

rental companies with telehandlers, it still falls well short of the response we typically get from crane and access rental companies.

We had originally asked how many all electric models companies had in their fleets and while one or two companies reported adding them, perhaps it remains too small to be meaningful. That could well change by this time next year? One positive area was the number of companies with 360 degree models joining in, while the market for heavy duty models seems pretty static, in spite of a wider choice of models available from manufacturers.



## TOP TELESCOPIC HANDLER COMPANIES

Company	Total	Fixed	360°	Compact	Heavy duty	Largest fixed	Largest 360°	Depots	Staff	Investment
Ardent Hire Solutions	3,427 ▼	2,700	65	660	2	20m	32m	12	260	N/D
Sunbelt Rentals	2,285 ▲	1,987	0	298	0	20m	N/A	185	3,800	£18,300,000
Morris Leslie	1,828 ▼	1,575	0	253	0	20m	N/A	16	227	N/D
UK Forks	1,801 ▼	1,537	73	183	8	N/D	N/D	9	165	N/D
CW Plant Hire	1,172 ▲	845	12	315	0	20m	21m	19	315	N/D
Plant Hire UK*	875 —	850	0	25	0	20m	N/A	1	N/D	N/D
Plantforce	700 ▲	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	N/D	7	N/D	N/D
Hessle	640 ▲	528	38	48	26	18m	32m	4	54	£5,200,000
Greenwood Hire*	550 ▲	225	185	75	65	17m	35m	9	N/D	N/D
Briggs Equipment	483 ▲ NEW ENTRY	180	0	303	0	20m	N/A	27	1,600	N/D
Jarvie Plant	477 ▲	344	38	95	0	20m	30m	11	165	N/D
HE Services	426 ▲	298	0	128	0	20m	N/A	10	123	£1,800,000
B&T Plant Hire	365 ▲	300	0	65	0	18m	N/A	2	32	N/D
Boles Hire	354 ▲	200	70	83	1	51m	N/D	1	8	N/D
Nixon Hire	340 ▼	340	0	0	0	17m	N/A	13	300	£36,000,000
Ashbrook	303 —	263	0	40	0	20m	N/A	2	102	N/D
Chippindale Plant	271 ▲	205	0	66	0	N/D	N/A	8	122	£1,050,000
M & J Engineers	270 ▲	200	0	70	0	N/D	N/A	12	145	N/D
GT Lifting	220 ▲	28	150	0	42	20m	46m	2	20+	£7,500,000
GPT*	185 ▼	150	20	15	0	18m	21m	8	100	N/D
Hubbway Plant Hire	176 ▲ NEW ENTRY	135	12	29	0	18m	26m	1	N/D	N/D
L Lynch Plant Hire	152 ▲	97	4	51	0	20m	26m	5	720	£1,000,000
Mervyn Lambert Plant*	130 ▲	100	0	30	0	18m	N/A	4	250	N/D
AFI/Hampshire Plant	120 ▲	70	10	40	0	20m	30m	19	332	N/D
KDM Hire	91 —	67	0	24	0	N/D	N/A	5	165	N/D
Emmitt Plant*	90 ▼	70	0	20	0	17m	N/A	3	50	N/D
Fairfax Plant Hire*	80 ▼	60	0	20	0	20m	N/A	2	60	N/D
Newmarket Plant Hire	79 ▲	50	0	29	0	18m	N/A	6	60	N/D
Mainline Hire	77 ▲	66	0	11	0	N/D	N/A	1	40	£700,000
Rocket Rentals	72 ▲	54	0	18	0	20m	N/A	2	18	£2,200,000

Fleet size in the last 12 months has: ▲ Increased ▼ Decreased — Remained the same N/A Non applicable N/D Not disclosed \* Estimated

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