

RECORD BREAKING ARTICULATED BOOM

XCMG unveiled the world's largest articulated boom lift - the XGA48K - at Vertical Days this year. With a 48.7 metre working height it tops the long term record holder - the JLG 1500AJP - by 600mm.

The XGA48K has the same type of lift mechanism as the JLG - a three section telescopic riser, topped by a three section telescopic boom - and a 2.54 metre jib with 131 degrees of articulation. Maximum outreach is 24.5 metres - a metre more than the JLG - at an up & over height of 18.9 metres. Maximum platform capacity is 460kg, with an unrestricted capacity of 300kg.

How it compares with the JLG

	XCMG	JLG
Model number	XGA48K	1500AJP
Working height	48.7m	48.1m
Maximum outreach	24.5m	23.55m
Up & over clearance	18.9m	18.4m
Maximum platform capacity	460kg	450kg
Unrestricted platform capacity	300kg	270kg
Jib articulation	131°	125°
Jib rotation	N/A	130°
OA Width stowed	2.49m	2.5m
OA Width working	5.03m	5.0m
OA Length	14.94m	15.1m
OA Transport length - jib tucked	12.03m	12.1m
OA Height	3.2m	3.1m
Total weight	27,380kg	26,027kg



The XCMG is dimensionally similar to the JLG 1500 with an overall width of just under 2.5 metres stowed, opening to a working width of just over five metres. For transport the new boom has an overall height of 3.2 metres with an overall length of just over 12 metres with the jib tucked under and off to the side. Total weight of 27.4 tonnes. Four wheel drive and steer with oscillating axle are standard, while power comes from an EU Stage V Cummins diesel.

POTAIN'S NEW IGO

Potain has launched a new 1,800kg capacity self-erecting tower crane - the Igo M 24-19 - replacing the bestselling Igo M 14. The new crane has three jib configuration options with jib lengths of 12.3, 21 and 24 metres and under hook heights of up to 25.4 metres with the jib luffed to 20 degrees above horizontal. At the maximum 24 metre radius it has a capacity of 570kg at a height of 19 metres, while the maximum jib tip capacity is 730kg at 21 metres radius and a height of 18.8 metres.

The 1,800kg maximum capacity is achieved at a radius of 9.4 metres and a height of around 17.5 metres. The crane has a working footprint of 4.1 metres square, with 4,820kg of permanently installed counterweight.

When folded the overall transport length is 11.83 metres with an overall width of 2.46 metres and 12,390kg GVW. Maximum tow speed on the road is 80kph as an articulated truck, or 25kph with the drawbar.



GROVE UNVEILS GMK 6450-1

Grove has formally launched a capacity upgrade for its six axle 400 tonne GMK6400-1 All Terrain crane to the 450 tonne GMK6450-1. The new model retains most of the 400 tonner's specifications and its structure including the five section 60 metre main boom, to which 79 metres of luffing jib can be added for a 136 metre maximum tip height. Other features included Maxbase variable outrigger set up and the Grove Mega Wing Lift Superlift system.

The GMK6450-1 has been designed with wind power projects in mind with the ability to lift heavy loads at steep boom angles. It can operate in wind speeds of up to nine metres a second, with its full luffing jib installed.

Andreas Cremer, vice president product management said: "Over the past two years, we have seen a growing demand for a name change from our customer base. We reviewed the crane's performance, resulting in the GMK6450-1."



JLG'S FIRST ELECTRIC TELEHANDLER

JLG has launched the JLG E313 battery powered electric telehandler - a North American version of Ausa's 4 metre/1,600kg T164E. The Ausa machine was unveiled at the end of 2022 and is based on a diesel model which is also available in North America.

The ANSI version offers a 3,500lbs maximum lift capacity and a 13.1ft lift height at which point it can handle 1,800lbs. Maximum forward reach is 5.8ft with a capacity of 1,415lbs. The overall width is 4ft 10", overall height 6ft 8" and overall length without forks 10ft 1". Total weight is 7,340lbs.

The unit uses six 48V lithium ion batteries, powering a two speed transmission with two wheel drive and steer and a road speed of almost 10mph. The battery pack is good for four hours of continuous operation and can be recharged in two to three hours on a 220 volt outlet. JLG ClearSky Smart Fleet telematics are standard. JLG has been badging Ausa products since 2020 and recently completed the acquisition of the company.



NEW LINK-BELT 200 TONNE AT

Link-Belt Cranes has launched a new five axle, 200 tonne 225|AT All Terrain crane. Based on the 185 tonne ATC-3210, it features a slightly longer six section latched boom - 62 metres compared to 61 metres - and more counterweight, while being as easy to move as its predecessor.

The boom can be extended with a 13 to 22 metre bi-fold offsettable swingaway extension to which two 7.6 metre lattice extension sections can be added to provide a maximum tip height of just under 102 metres. Maximum counterweight is 36 tonnes.

The single engine crane is powered by an EPA compliant HVO ready Cummins driving a ZF TraXon transmission for a top road speed of 55 mph while the carrier features the company's full width carrier cab. It also incorporates Link-Belt's Pulse 2.0 operating system, 'SmartStack' counterweight detection, and its 'V-Calc' Variable Confined Area Lifting Capacities variable outrigger set up and monitoring system, providing virtually unlimited outrigger configurations and a radio remote controller for rigging.

So how does the new crane compare?

Manufacturer	Link Belt	Liebherr	Grove	Grove	Tadano	Tadano	Tadano
Model	225IAT	LTM1160-5.2	GMK5180-1	GMK5200-1	AC 5.160-1	AC 5.220-1	AC 5.220L-1
Max capacity	200t	180t	180t	200t	160t	220t	220t
Main boom	62m	62m	64m	64m	68m	68m	78m
Max tip height	102m	102m	101m	101m	97m	108m	106m
Max Cwrt	36t	54t	50t	70t	46t	70.1t	70.1t



NEW LIEBHERR MK 120

Liebherr has launched a new addition to its MK line up of self-erecting mobile tower cranes. Developed from the MK140, the new five axle MK 120-5.1 slots between the four axle MK 88-4.1 and the five axle MK 140-5.1. Key changes are a shorter 52 metre jib, a slightly higher jib tip capacity and six tonnes less counterweight than the MK 140.

Maximum capacity is eight tonnes - the same as the MK 140 - a jib tip capacity of 2.1 tonnes and maximum luffing angle of 40 degrees compared to 70 degrees in the MK 140. It also features a new 12 inch TC-OS (Tower Crane Operating System) split display screen with updated user interface which is set to be rolled out across the entire Liebherr MK mobile tower crane line up by the end of 2025. The MK 120-5.1 can also be ordered with an optional smaller load hook with the same capacity.



STRAIGHT NIFTY ARRIVES

Niftylift has launched its first telescopic boom lift to go into production. The 65ft all-electric HR22SE features a three section telescopic boom and jib with 150 degrees of articulation. The maximum working height is 21.7 metres, with a maximum outreach of 18.8 metres and an unrestricted platform capacity of 280kg.

The HR22SE is powered by a 48 volt power supply from eight 400Ah AGM maintenance free batteries driving a new low noise hydraulic pump and two wheel direct electric drive and steer. Storage capacity is said to be more than enough for a full day's operation between recharges. It can also be equipped with the company's hydrogen fuel cell to create a hybrid model.

Overall width is 2.49 metres, overall height 2.7 metres and overall stowed length is just over nine

metres, or 7.2 metres with the jib tucked under. Tailswing is just 550mm, while the overall weight is 9,980kg.

Options include the company's 'ClipOn' harness/lanyard attachment detector.



AXOLIFT UPGRADES THE ELIFT 350

Italian low level aerial lift manufacturer Gromet has added the upgraded 10ft Elift 300 self-propelled mast type lift to its Axolift product line. Based on the Elift 350, the EL300 has a 4.95 metre working height with a maximum platform capacity of 180kg with 20kg on the mast top tool tray.

Improvements include 35mm of ground clearance, low friction ball bearings in the three section box section mast in place of nylon wear pads, and a hydraulic oil collector in the base in case of leaks. The unit has an overall width of 770mm an overall length of 1.23 metres and a stowed height of 1.77 metres. Total weight is 380kg. As with the EL350, fork pockets are built into the top of the chassis. It also features a footbrake for the rear axle in addition to the regular motor mounted brakes. Power comes from a single 24 volt, 11Ah battery with onboard charger.



BRAVI UPGRADES LOW LEVEL PLATFORMS

Italian low level platform manufacturer Bravi has upgraded its key models - the Leonardo HD and Sprint LP - while introducing a new version of the Sprint TL.

The five metre working height Leonardo HD now has a 230kg unrestricted capacity across the entire dual extension platform, making it more suitable for larger accessories such as the Solo-Gyps plasterboard handler and new 90kg pipe rack. Platform dimensions remain the same at 1.7 metre by 630mm without increasing the overall weight which remains at 560kg for both indoor and outdoor applications.

The Sprint model features a new chassis with reinforced corners and bumpers, while a wider cargo shelf has been designed to fit both the Sprint and Sprint LP models with fold up edges on three sides for improved stock picking efficiency. A new accessory, the 'Suction Gun' grabs hard to reach items at the back of a shelf or rack increasing picking efficiency.

On the Sprint LP model the large parcel cargo shelf has been completely redesigned and is now equipped with a set of rollers on both sides to facilitate the loading of bulkier materials.

The new tyre picking Sprint TL offers 150kg capacity on the tyre compartment, compared to 100kg on the existing model, allowing it to handle 800mm diameter SUV tyres. A trade-off is a slight reduction in working height to five metres.



LGMG EXTENDS MAST LIFT

Chinese manufacturer LGMG has announced the addition of a 400mm deck extension option for the 12ft M0407TE mast type lift it unveiled at Bauma 2022. The M0407TE has a 5.78 metre working height and platform capacity of 230kg.

The regular platform is 1.33 metres by 750mm, with the new option taking that to 1.73 metres with 133kg capacity on the extension. The overall stowed length is now 1.39 metres, while the weight has increased slightly to 840kg. The overall width remains at 760mm with a closed height 1.69 metres. The new model will be offered alongside the standard M0407TE.



US CUSTOMS TO INVESTIGATE SINOBOOM

The US Customs and Border Protection agency (CBP) has launched a formal investigation into Sinoboom North America, to determine whether it has been evading anti-dumping tariffs and duties on the aerial work platforms it has been importing from its plant in Poland.

The investigation was triggered by a complaint from the Coalition of American Manufacturers of Mobile Access Equipment - largely JLG and Genie - which suspects that Sinoboom was evading the tariffs/duties on Chinese built platforms, by importing Chinese built sub-assemblies into Poland, conducting minor assembly work, and then shipping the assembled platforms to the US, misrepresenting them as a Polish built product.

The investigation will cover the period from June 26th, 2023 - a year before the 'coalition' filed its complaint - until the investigation concludes. The complaint and initial investigations are based largely on import statistics which showed a sharp drop in Sinoboom imports from China to the USA corresponding with a sharp rise of imports from China to Poland and Poland to the US. The CBP agrees that there is sufficient suspicion to continue its investigation and look at interim measures to address the situation.

60FT HYBRID BOOM FROM XCMG

Chinese aerial lift manufacturer XCMG has launched a hybrid version of its 60ft XGA20H articulated boom lift. The new lift features a dual sigma riser topped by a two section telescopic boom and 1.85 metre jib with 135 degrees of articulation, providing a maximum working height of 20.18 metres. The maximum outreach is 11.14 metres with an unrestricted 320kg maximum platform capacity, at an up & over height of 8.47 metres.

When stowed, the lift has an overall width of 2.3 metres and an overall length of 8.1 metres - 7.3 metres with jib tucked and is 2.57 metres high - three metres when jib is tucked under. Overall weight is 9,500kg.

Power comes from a lithium ion battery pack said to be good for up to five hours continuous typical operation, with a Kubota

Stage V diesel topping up the battery pack in order to extend the working day, or recharging when no power outlet is available. Electric motor four wheel drive and four wheel steer are standard.



LIEBHERR UPDATES LUFFERS

Liebherr has updated its mid-range luffing jib tower crane range with the introduction of the 440 HC-L. Based on the 357 HC-L, which it replaces, it is available as the 24 tonne 440 HC-L 12/24 or 36 tonne 440 HC-L 18/36. The new models offer a number of performance improvements including 5.8 metres more free standing tower height - now 76.4 metres - and easier installation, with a single block counter-jib ballast weight, one central switchgear cabinet with plug & play set up of electronic components.

Other benefits include a tighter out of service radius - 10.7 metres - the ability to handle loads as close in as four metres, and a 52 percent improvement in jib tip capacities on the longer 65 metre jib - 4,450kg on the 12/24 and 4,050kg on the 18/36. Capacity on a 50 metre jib has been increased to nine tonnes. It is also the first Liebherr crane to feature aramid fibre synthetic pendant ropes, along with other new materials.



TADANO CUTS A DEAL TO END STRIKE

In September Japanese crane manufacturer Tadano and its employees reached an agreement on the future of the Zweibrücken facilities in Germany.

The agreement - which was approved by around 80 percent of the employees - stipulates that production, sales and development at the Zweibrücken site will be maintained until at least the end of 2028. In addition, the Wallerscheid plant will not close until the end of June, and there will be 250 redundancies instead of the original 400. A steering committee will also be set up with the aim to secure the Zweibrücken site by helping it produce competitive products.

JLG E SCISSOR IMPROVEMENTS

JLG is introducing new features and options on its ES slab electric scissors, ERT compact electric Rough Terrain scissors and E18 self-propelled mast lifts/stock picker.

The ES1932, ES2632, ES2646 and ES3246 are now equipped with more efficient permanent magnet AC drive wheel motors and some ES models, along with the E18 mast lifts can now be specified with lithium batteries, for longer run time between recharges. On the ERT Rough Terrains an optional generator pack for remote recharging is now available.



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HIAB'S NEW HEAVY DUTY CRANE

Hiab has launched the iQ.708 Hipro heavy-duty 60 to 70 tonne/metre 'Next Generation' loader crane. When equipped with the 10 section E9 boom the maximum lift capacity is 11,100kg at 5.1 metres radius, while the maximum tip height is just over 25 metres at which point it has a capacity of 8,200kg at a radius of 6.6 metres.

The new crane is equipped with the company's most advanced control system SPACEvo and also introduces the Synchronised Distance Control (SDC) function which automatically keeps the load at a set distance through the lift, while only having to operate a single controller on the remote.

Other features include the Load Stability System for vertical movements (LSS-V) which compensates for unintentionally excessive lever movements, while the Variable Stability Logic PLUS (VSL+) feature optimises lifting capacity by monitoring the position and pressure of the stabiliser legs and actively using the load on the truck as counterweight. All the above functions are contained in the CD4 remote controller, which provides operators with three large displays visible in all light conditions, haptic feedback for alerts and crane reactions, and battery with personalised operator crane settings.

NEW 20M CMC SPIDER LIFT

Italian spider lift manufacturer CMC has launched the 20 metre S20 spider lift, which joins the company's 'Light and Compact' range. The new lift has a dual sigma type riser for a maximum working height of 19.9 metres, with a maximum outreach of 10.4 metres at an up & over height of just over eight metres with the 230kg unrestricted platform capacity of 230kg.

Overall length is 5.38 metres or 4.5 metres with the basket removed, the overall width is 790mm extending to just over a metre for travel on uneven ground. The unit weighs 2,980kg, and the outrigger footprint is just under three by three metres.

Standard features include protective covers for the outrigger cylinders, proportional hydraulic controls and radio remote controller. Power options include diesel with or without AC power or lithium battery pack.



The new CMC S20 working indoors on plug in electric power

LACK OF RESCUE AT HEIGHT TRAINING?

A UK coroner has raised concerns over the lack of practical rescue at height training in aerial work platform operator training courses, particularly platform to platform rescues, as required with Jason Holland, 51, who died after he was trapped between a scissor lift and racking at a height of 20 metres.

The coroner said: "There is a risk that future deaths could occur unless action is taken. I heard from a number of organisations that the recognised standard within construction for individuals being assessed as competent to operate platforms is IPAF, where individuals undergo a one day course to be assessed as competent to operate a boom lift (3a) or scissor lifts (3b)."

"I understand that operators are classroom trained and then practically assessed. Whilst the theory touches upon rescue at height scenarios, it does not include practical training on rescue at height or basket to basket rescue drills."

A statement from IPAF said: "IPAF has formally addressed concerns raised by HM Coroner's Office regarding rescue at height training. The matter was discussed during the most recent council meeting, and we are now conducting a thorough review of potential measures through a newly established working group."

The full report can be seen at: <https://www.judiciary.uk/prevention-of-future-death-reports/jason-holland-prevention-of-future-deaths-report/>

LGMG GOES DIRECT

Chinese manufacturer LGMG has taken over the distribution of its aerial work platforms and telehandlers in the UK and Ireland from APS - Access Platform Sales.

LGMG had already hired Aron Westby from Skyjack to look after the UK and Irish market and he will now head up its ongoing sales effort. We also understand that it has hired a service engineer. The company has also moved into a 2,800 square metre, new build facility in Speke, Liverpool, close to the airport and part of the regions Freeport area. The building has space for 500 machines and will also house a spare parts warehouse and training rooms, while being able to host customer events.

LGMG and APS signed a distribution agreement for the UK in 2019 and has seen substantial success since then, delivering around 4,500 units to UK and Irish customers.



The new build facility in Speke, Liverpool



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FINANCIALS ROUND-UP

Tadano is to acquire **Manitex International** in an all cash deal for \$223 million, including around £85 million of net debt. Tadano has owned a 14.5 percent stake in the business since 2018. The business includes Manitex boom trucks/truck cranes, PM loader cranes, Oil & Steel aerial lifts and Valla pick & carry cranes, revenues last year were around \$300 million. The transaction is expected to close early next year. Tadano will fund the transaction from cash reserves and external debt financing. The purchase price represents a premium of 52.2% over Manitex's share price on September 11th.



JCB has posted its full year results for 2023, with revenues for the main telehandler and earthmoving businesses - J.C.B Service - increasing 14 percent to £6.5 billion, while pre-tax profits jumped 44.5 percent to £805 million. These numbers do not include JCB Access which is owned by Anthony Bamford, joint venture JCB Finance or JCB Holdings which is registered offshore. The group maintained a strong debt free balance sheet.



Ashtead - owner of **Sunbelt Rentals** in the USA, Canada and the UK - saw first quarter revenues increase two percent to \$2.75 billion, driven by rental growth in all three markets, while pre-tax profits dropped seven percent to \$544 million, due to higher central and interest costs. Capital expenditure for the quarter was \$855 million, down from \$1.13 billion last year. The company also spent \$53 million on two 'tool rental' acquisitions, RentalMax and Wave Equipment.



Indian sales and rental company **Mtandt Rentals** has received an investment of ₹1.5 billion (\$18 million) from a family run fund that invests in the construction and infrastructure markets in exchange for a 20% stake in the business. The investment will come in two tranches, the initial ₹500 million (\$6 million) with a further ₹1 billion (\$12 million) by April 2025. The money will be used to expand the aerial lift and temporary road mat fleets. The fund is looking to help Mtandt Rentals take revenues to ₹100 billion (\$1.2 billion) by 2030 and is prepared to invest more, either directly or through an IPO as and when required.



UK rental group **Vp** has acquired 90% of the equity in Irish rental company **CPH** (Charleville Hire and Platform) for an initial cash sum of €12.1 million. CPH had revenues last year of €9.5 million, with a pre-tax profit €2.3 million. CPH owner-managers James Dundon and Martin Hanley will hold the remaining equity and stay with the business for a three year earn-out period during which time Vp will acquire the remaining shares and pay up to a further €21.7 million, based on performance at the end of each year.



Norwegian sales group **Hybeko** has acquired Danish distribution company **Jøma Lift Teknik** which handles Genie, Dinolift and Leguan in Denmark as does Hybeko in Norway and Finland. Jøma also distributes Teupen spider lifts and Axolift low level platforms. The business joins Liftexperten in Sweden and Hybeko Finland, taking the group's regional coverage to 20 locations and 120 employees.



Dutch aerial lift distributors **GB Hoogwerkers** and **EG Equipment** are merging and moving to a new combined location in Sliedrecht. Gert de Boon owns GB Hoogwerkers, while Erik Geene owns EG Equipment. Both distribute Sinoboomboms and scissor lifts, Axolift low level platforms and Nagano tracked boom lifts. GB Hoogwerkers focuses on the Dutch market, while EG Equipment covers Luxembourg, Belgium, Greece, Austria, Switzerland, Israel, Iceland, Norway and Finland.



Briggs Equipment is merging two of its companies in Ireland - **Aerial Platform Hire** and **Blulift** - which will now operate as Aerial Platform Hire, taking over all powered access rental contracts currently managed by Briggs in the Republic of Ireland.



UK rental group **Vp** - owner of telehandler rental company **UK Forks**, low level access specialist **MEP** and **Brandon Hire Station** - issued a first half trading statement, stating that as a result of market headwinds in construction and housebuilding, and a slower start to the year, it expects profits for the current financial year of around £37 million.



Ballyvesey Holdings will merge three of its UK operations - **GB Plant/Contract Plant Rental**, **Norwest Plant** and **Genesis Equipment Sales** - into a combined operation trading as **Contract Plant**. The move could spell the end of some partnerships, including the UK distribution of **XCMG** aerial work platforms, which Genesis has handled since April 2023.



German lifting attachment manufacturer **Kinshofer** has acquired **GMT Equipment** in order to strengthen and improve its presence in the arborist industry. Family owned GMT specialises in the maintenance, repair and sales of arborist equipment.



Seb Private Equity has acquired Swedish wire rope manufacturer **Talurit** following the retirement of the company's owner, Bernhard Rohland, at the age of 86. Seb Private Equity confirmed that Victor Lindh will remain chief executive, Neil Cooke managing director of Talurit UK, and Uli Kaltenbrunner managing director of Talurit Germany.



ADBLUE UPDATE

ESTA, the European association for the crane and heavy haulage industries, has uncovered numerous examples of engine malfunctions due to AdBlue additives, stating that it may account for up to a third of on-road crane breakdowns.

Its survey of members resulted in 55 companies from 10 countries - mostly the UK, Netherlands, and France - reporting problems with mobile cranes, trucks and modular transporters. Nearly half cited safety risks due to breakdowns on public roads, with a few experiencing dangerous interruptions in wind turbine and port load out operations. Three companies reported more than 20 incidents over the past two years.

ESTA director Ton Klijn said: "We will continue gathering information and will consult members of the joint ESTA and FEM European Regulations Workgroup before deciding on the next steps. What is already clear is that this is a serious issue with considerable safety implications and needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency."



THE SKYLINE COCKPIT

Winvic Construction in the UK has taken the first Skyline Cockpit allowing the operation of tower cranes from a site hut at ground level.

The unit is being used to operate a 14 tonne, 77 metre high Potain MR225 tower crane that will be climbed to 102 metres as the project - a 33 storey student accommodation block - progresses. The 'remote cab' has the same controls as the crane cab, but with wrap around display screens in place of windows. They are fed by seven cameras on the crane to provide the operator with a simultaneous 360 degree view. It also uses augmented reality (AR) to display the hoist line, hook and load as well as real time indicators of wind speed, slew, lifting, hoist, jib and radius data.

Winvic managing director Mark Jones said: "We are pleased to be the first contractor in the UK to utilise ground control tower crane technology. It is transformational for the safety and wellbeing of crane operators and an important step for the industry."



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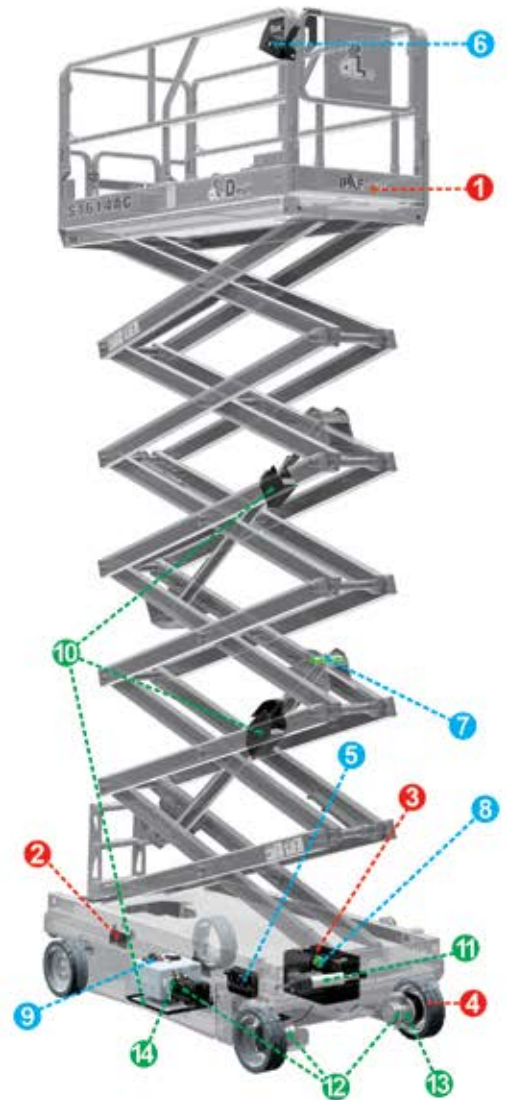
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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- India's **Mtandt Rentals** has appointed **Sagar Sawlani** as CEO
- Sinoboom** Australia has opened sales & service branches in Sydney and Brisbane
- Austrian roofer **Salamon & Scherr Dachbau** has taken an 18m **EuropeLift** TM18GT trailer lift
- Liebherr** has delivered a new STS crane to **PSA Penn Terminals** in Philadelphia
- Ged Kelly**, business development manager for **Haulotte UK**, has died
- Tower crane manufacturer **Stafford Tower Cranes** has started designing and manufacturing its own crane cabs
- Switzerland's **Sky Access** is celebrating 40 years and has changed its name to **Sky X**
- The **Scottish Plant Owners Association** is calling on crane employers to enrol apprentices in its second intake of the **Scottish Crane Operator Apprenticeship**
- UK rental company **Warren Access** has taken two 20m **Hinowa** 20.10 spiders
- Rosenbauer** has opened a sales & service location in **Achau**, south of Vienna
- Genie** has delivered 171 booms and scissor lifts to UK rental company **Ashbrook**
- Hy-brid Lifts** has appointed **Charlie Haskin** as sales director for the western USA
- UK steel erector **Steel Work Construction** has taken its first crawler crane - a **Liebherr** LTR 1100
- Merlo** has received Italy's **PEF training excellence award** for its CFRM training and research centre
- UK based **Lift Minicranes** has taken six new **Maeda** and one **BG Lift** M250 spider cranes
- Finland's **Leguan Lifts** has appointed **Juuso Valtakari** as marketing manager
- UK based vehicle mounted lift manufacturer **CPL** has launched **CPL Recovery**
- Socage** has issued a statement regarding an incident with one of its older truck mounted lifts in **Boston** last month
- Notus'** new heavy lift and transport business - **Heavy Lift Projects & Port Services** - will be managed by **Liam McLoughlin**
- The offshore division of **Empire Energy** has teamed up with **Sarens** to work on U.S. offshore wind projects
- Riwal** chief executive **Pedro Torres** is leaving the company in the new year
- The **JDL Expo** was held in Beaune, France last month
- German company **Wir-Vermieten** has joined **System Lift** - the association of independent local rental companies
- Austrian energy company **Energienetze Steiermark** has taken a 15m **Niftylift** 150 T trailer lift
- UK rental company **Bray Cranes** has taken a 40t LTM 1040-2.1 with a 70 tonner on the way
- Heavy lift specialist **Malcolm Robinson** has died after a long illness
- Poland's **Max Trailer** has manufactured and delivered its 10,000th unit
- German company **Kunze** has broken ground for its new HQ



Sagar Sawlani



Ged Kelly



Charlie Haskin



Juuso Valtakari



Liam McLoughlin



Pedro Torres

- Wacker Neuson's** new Stage V diesel telehandlers are now **HVO** ready
- IPAF** has appointed **Randy Marzicola** as vice president North America
- Mexican rental company **Magruber** has taken seven new **Liebherr** cranes
- Ruthmann** has appointed **Christian Roß** as head of sales & marketing
- Merlo** has appointed **Dunrave Plant** as construction telehandler distributor for Southeast Wales and Herefordshire
- Versalift UK** and waste management services **Axil** have signed a five year contract
- Welsh rental company **R. W. Christopher** has taken a 60t **Liebherr** LTM 1060-3.1 with two more cranes due shortly
- UK's **Cadman Cranes** has taken a four tonne **Hoeflon** C10 spider crane
- LGMG** has joined the US based online parts and service network **SmartEquip**
- Multitel** has appointed **Xavier Vega Basquens** sales manager, **Juan Jose Carretero Serrano** after sales service coordinator and **Jose Serafin Prieto Martin** technical assistance at its new Barcelona subsidiary, **Multitel Iberica**
- Manitowoc** has appointed **VA Techs** as its Grove crane distributor in Thailand
- Magni** has appointed US sales and rental company **Gap Power** as telehandler dealer for Southeastern Pennsylvania
- Hundreds of people were evacuated in **Munich** last month when three tower cranes lost stability in the torrential rain
- Chinese aerial lift manufacturer **LGMG** has appointed **Omar Kaima** as sales manager for France
- Italian company **S.A.S. group** has added two new **Liebherr** ATs - a 300t LTM 1300-6.3 and a 100t LTM 1100-5.3
- Multitel UK** has appointed **Alan Faithorn** as a second sales manager joining **Greg Moore**
- Manitou Asia** has appointed **Pin Siam** as its **Gehl** compact equipment distributor in Thailand
- UK's **ABA Cranes** has produced a 2025 calendar with team member photos to raise money for the **Mates In Mind** Charity
- Four German rental companies have taken delivery of pink **Merlo** 360 degree telehandlers to raise awareness for breast cancer
- Luxembourg based **Jan De Nul** group has taken two 100t **Tadano** GR-1000EX-4 RTs
- Canada's **Stephenson's Rental Services** has promoted **Rob Wilson** to chief executive while **Guy Manuel** moves to executive chairman
- Jimmy Waters**, spare parts manager for **Snorkel Europe**, has died
- French company **Comlev** has taken a 120t **Liebherr** LTM 1120-4.1 AT crane
- UK rental association - the **Hire Association Europe** (HAE) - has appointed **Neil Bravery** as commercial director
- The **inquest** was held into the death of **David and Clayton Bottomley** in the UK after their mastclimber in Liverpool dropped 14 floors in May 2021
- UK regional **JCB** dealer **Watling JCB** has acquired **Midlands JCB**



Randy Marzicola



Christian Roß



Xavier Vega Basquens



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Alan Faithorn



Rob Wilson

- UK crane industry veteran, sales manager and company director **Andrew Plant** has died
- Manitowoc UK** has opened a second after sales support facility in **Barnsley**, South Yorkshire
- Raimondi** tower cranes has appointed **Mauro Masetti** as sales director
- UK's **Bronzeshield** has taken the first of three new **Liebherr** cranes - a 90t LTM 1090-4.2
- Italian manufacturer **Jekko** has created **Jekko France** with its existing distributor **Matelev** and **Fassi**
- UK based **Ainscough Crane Hire** has achieved the **Armed Forces Covenant Gold Award**
- Germany's **Richard Kölch & Sohn** has taken a 90t **Liebherr** LTM 1090-4.2
- Two men have cycled 2,400km across Europe between three **Liebherr** production facilities
- Austria's **Wilfried Gruber** has taken an 18m **Ruthmann Bluelift** SA18HB hybrid spider lift
- UK rental company **Abba Plant Hire** has taken a 150t **Liebherr** LTM 1150-5.3
- UK based **EnerMech** has promoted **Ruairi Kerr** to SVP of business development
- Weidler Arbeitsbühnenvermietung** has formed a 'strategic partnership' with **Gerken Arbeitsbühnen**
- Austria's **Flott Arbeitsbühnen** has joined **Partner Lift** - the German association of independent rental companies
- Manfred Gerken**, the founder and MD of German rental group **Gerken**, has died
- UK company **TAH Access Platforms** has taken a 23m **CMC** S23 lithium spider lift
- Sunbelt Rentals'** owner **Ashtead** has appointed **Alex Pease** to take over as CFO when Michael Pratt retires in 12 months
- Turkish crane grab manufacturer **Cromex Makine** has appointed **Cranes & Spares** in the UK
- UK crane rental veteran **Alex Glover** has died
- Genie** has appointed **Global Makina** as an authorised dealer in Turkey
- UK's **Walker & Son Hauliers** has taken two new **Liebherr** ATs
- UK rental company **Plantforce** has appointed **Chris Matthew** as commercial director
- Kito Crosby** is donating to the **US Fallen Patriots Foundation** to provide scholarships to children who have lost a parent in the line of duty
- Sinoboom** has appointed JCB veteran **Ian Pratt** as MD of its new Telescopic Handler Business Unit in China
- US based **Lomma Crane & Rigging** has taken two **Link-Belt** 227 tonne telescopic crawlers for contracts in South Carolina
- Taiwanese rental company **Fu Yifa** has taken delivery of its first **Grove** AT
- Liebherr USA** has opened a new crane spare parts warehouse in **Kansas City**
- Software supplier **Point of Rental** has appointed **Brooke Ryan** as VP global support services
- US based **Audubon Engineering Company** has added a third 700t **Liebherr** LR 1700-1.0 lattice crawler crane
- Crane industry veteran **Steve Filipov** has been appointed CEO of **Metalliance** following a successful takeover



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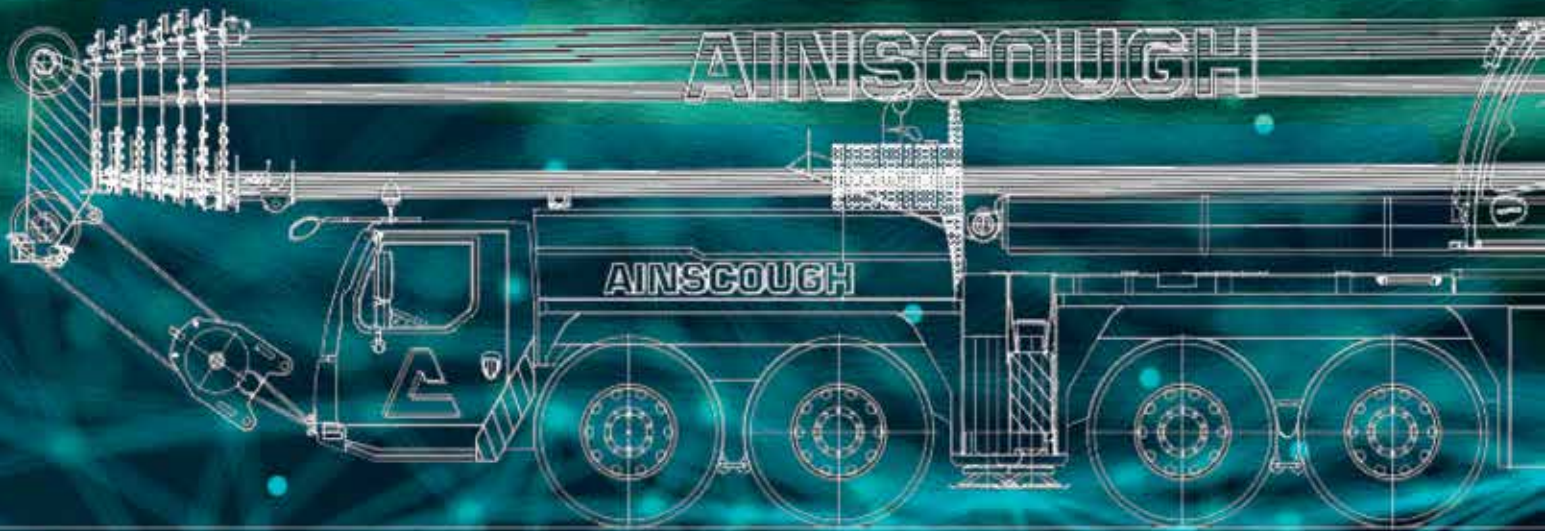
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