

Reaching new heights for the rail industry

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Torrent Trackside has a range of modern and efficient telehandlers for hire.

The UK rail network consists of over 20,000 miles of track, 30,000 tunnels, bridges, viaducts and thousands of signals, level crossings and stations. With this much infrastructure there is constant demand for large and heavy materials and goods to be moved and manoeuvred safely around sites and over obstacles. Telehandlers are the ideal solution for this demand. The machines combine the lifting capacity of a forklift truck with the reach and elevation of a crane.

Torrent Trackside works in partnership with its fellow Vp plc company UK Forks to offer these machines to the rail industry. It coordinates the hires through its experienced hiredesk to ensure a seamless service to its new and existing rail customers.

The fleet is one of the largest in the UK, consisting of over 2,000 machines chosen from the industry's leading suppliers such as JCB, Merlo and Manitou. They are located at six strategic locations across the UK from Glasgow to Exeter, meaning that customers are no more than a couple of hours from a suitable machine. The fleet can be broadly broken down into four main types.



Quiet and emission free battery powered telehandlers are perfect for night work and built up areas

Telehandlers: Four-wheel drive machines fitted with a telescopic boom that can carry up to 4,000kg up to a height of 20m, depending on the machine model. These machines offer unrivalled manoeuvrability and excellent ground clearance.

Roto Telehandlers: Larger machines fitted with a 360 degree rotating boom that can carry loads of almost 5,000kg up to a height of 35m, depending on machine model.

HeavyLift Telehandlers: Powerful machines for shifting heavy loads up to 12,000kg up to a height of 6m.

Electric Telehandlers: Near silent operation with zero emissions capable of lifting up to 2,500kg to a height of 6m. These machines are perfect for indoor and night projects.

With many telehandlers costing over £100,000 hiring can be a much more cost effective option. Servicing, depreciation and repairs are not an issue. Machines can be handpicked for different tasks ensuring projects are run most efficiently.

Minimising downtime is a key focus. Continuous investment in the latest machines provides customers with unrivalled quality and reliability. All machines are subject to a rigorous pre-hire inspection. The field service engineers are manufacturer trained and their support vans are tailored for telehandlers, meaning many issues can be fixed on the spot. Machine performance reports can be provided to further improve efficiencies on site.

A complete range of manufacturer supported and approved attachments are available to be delivered with the machines from man platforms, sweepers, forks and jibs to a host of electronic equipment such as reversing cameras, remote control devices and tracking equipment.