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ADVANCED HYDRAULICS NOW STANDARD ON ALL EXTENDO AND TRAVERSE TELEHANDLERS

BARAGA, MICHIGAN — As job-site demands increase, so does the need to get work done faster, better and more cost effectively. That's why Pettibone, the leading manufacturer of material-handling equipment for over 120 years, now offers its innovative F-130 constant pressure hydraulic system as standard on all its Extendo and Traverse model telehandlers.

"It's the fastest, smoothest and most responsive hydraulic system on the market today," said Pettibone President Kevin Walsh. "With increased cycle times and precision control, these state-of-the-art hydraulics will help our customers get the job done more efficiently."

The F-130 is an instant response, pilot-operated system with a single, proportional joystick for all boom functions. This gives the operator excellent featherability because the more thumb pressure applied on the rocker switch, the faster the operation, providing increased cycle times and productivity. For increased versatility and productivity, the standard auxiliary boom tip hydraulics allow operators to run a variety of powered attachments with ease and efficiency. As for safety, the F-130's pressure-based priority system ensures that critical brake and steering functions are handled by the first 2,500 psi (172 bar).

“When you’re trying to deliver an 8,000-pound load onto a landing 44 feet up, a wrong move can cost you more than just the job,” Walsh said. “That’s why we felt it was vital to make the F-130 technology standard in all of our telehandlers.”

The F-130 idea was developed during an equipment “rodeo” organized by Pettibone as a challenge for several industry experts to improve its current machine technology. The best submission Pettibone received was basically the same system they’d been offering.

Switching from the industry-standard load-sensing Parker system, Pettibone chief engineer Ray McDonald opted to experiment with constant hydraulic pressure.

“We married the optimum system for the performance required,” McDonald says. “It’s also an easier hydraulic system to understand, so it’s easier to maintain. With less downtime, you’re always going to get more out of your machine.”

Although the F-130 has only been available to distributors for a short time, people like Earl Martin, owner of Power Pro in New Holland, Pennsylvania, give it high marks.

“The prototype did everything it was supposed to do and got the job done right,” Martin reported. He is particularly impressed that the new system delivers more gallons of oil per minute to the auxiliary hydraulic functions, which results in easier operation. “Most of our customers use attachments with their Pettibone machinery, so the boom tip hydraulics are very important,” Martin said. “I’m expecting good things.”

With the entire line of Pettibone Extendo and Traverse model telehandlers now enhanced with the standard F-130 hydraulic system, Pettibone customers from all industries will be able to more effectively keep the pressure where it belongs — on the job site and off of their bottom lines.

For additional information on the F-130 hydraulics or other Pettibone features, contact Andrew Kempainen at (906) 353-6611 or andyk@pettiboneusa.com. To find the Pettibone dealer nearest you, visit www.gopettibone.com.

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