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PETTIBONE'S TRAVERSE T8044 TELEHANDLER **HELPS EXTEND PRODUCTIVITY FURTHER**

BARAGA, MICHIGAN — Pettibone, a leading manufacturer of material-handling equipment for more than 120 years, continues to answer the needs of today's job site with its Extendo Traverse T8044 telehandler. The T8044 features nearly six feet of horizontal boom travel at every lift height, which lets operators lift and land loads in hard-to-reach locations with ease.

Treading where most traditional telehandlers can't, the T8044 telehandler enables precision load placement through windows and other openings. Its low-profile design fits under an eight-foot doorway for increased flexibility and productivity in low-overhead areas.

"This is a huge advantage in terms of productivity," according to Pettibone's president, Kevin Walsh. "When you have to get a large load onto a second- or third-story landing, the T8044's horizontal boom lets you easily go right through an opening without repositioning the machine."

Its standard Cummins turbocharged 110 horsepower diesel engine with full electronic control provides optimum power and meets Tier II low-emission standards. With an

8,000-pound lift capacity, more than 44 feet of lift height and 36 inches of forward reach, the T8044 is ideal for all material-handling applications, including construction, masonry, roofing and framing.

In addition to lifting material up and through high, narrow spaces, the T8044 has the industry's tightest turning radius — less than 12 feet — which allows for efficient operation and faster job completion. Walsh cites this as a major advantage of this model since most job sites have multiple machines operating in close quarters.

Where the ground is rough and uneven, the T8044's frame sway offers industry-leading leveling of 12 degrees to the left or right and allows leveling of the machine and load simultaneously. The frame sway improves stability and operating safety, while a four-speed powershift transmission enhances maneuverability on difficult terrain.

Standard performance features on Pettibone's Traverse T8044 include two-wheel, four-wheel and crab steering, so users can match the machine's operation with the job task at hand. The Quick Attach system makes it easy to switch between a wide range of Extendo attachments, including buckets, truss booms and fork carriages. The standard boom-tip auxiliary hydraulic supply gives operators the flexibility to use multiple hydraulic functions at the same time for greater versatility.

"The T8044 really is the total package in terms of maneuverability, versatility and reliable performance," said Andrew Kemppainen, Pettibone sales coordinator. "This telehandler combines several machines into one, letting you lift heavy loads, reach great heights and traverse horizontally with an extendable boom. It's highly unique for the industry."

Other key features of Pettibone's Traverse T8044 rough-terrain telehandler include:

- Rear-axle stabilization that locks the axle when the parking brake is engaged, preventing oscillation and providing a stable platform.
- Innovative fork and load leveling, which eliminates the need for slave cylinders and reduces service parts and maintenance costs.
- Easy-to-reach service panels for safe, complete service access.

- Well-positioned instruments and fluid-level gauges that give constant performance indication and better troubleshooting.
- Sealed pivots, pins and bushings that keep the machine lubricated, which extends uptime and machine life.
- Oil-immersed, wet disc brakes with integral, spring-applied, hydraulic-release parking brake for increased safety.
- Unmatched visibility for maximum safety in all boom positions.
- Integrated air conditioning and heating for operating comfort year-round.
- ROPS/FOPS-approved cab.
- Fully adjustable suspension seat with retractable seat belt.
- Like every other Pettibone machine, a two-year, 2,000-hour warranty.

Walsh explained that, "Pettibone has been around for over 120 years because we continue to listen to our customers. We understand what they want and need and then deliver machines that perform to the maximum every day. That approach is the bedrock of our company and is reflected in the T8044."

Located in Baraga, Michigan, Pettibone manufactures a full line of fixed-boom, rough-terrain telehandlers, transfer-boom, rough-terrain telehandlers, CaryLift pipe and log lifts, Speed Swing railroad maintenance lifts and cranes.

For additional information on Pettibone's Traverse T8044 telehandler or other Pettibone products, 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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