

Construction Equipment

Used Construction Equipment Kansas - Industrial equipment including heavy-duty vehicles designed for specific construction tasks make up the majority of construction equipment. Common earthmoving operations rely on engineering equipment, oversized trucks and heavy hydraulics among other things. There are five equipment systems including traction, information and control, structure, implement and powertrain. There is a variety of industrial equipment that is classified under the heavy equipment umbrella. Tractors Specifically designed tractors offer extreme tractive capabilities at slower speeds to facilitate hauling equipment including construction items, trailers and items for agriculture. One of the most popular farming machines is tractors that mechanize heavy lifting and loading tasks that need traction and power. Numerous agricultural additions can be mounted behind or onto the tractor to make certain jobs easier. The tractor can provide power to the mechanized attachment to facilitate heavy lifting or digging etc. Excavators Excavators are one of the most popular types of heavy construction equipment. They often feature a cab located on a rotating platform, a boom and a stick. Excavators may feature wheels or tracks depending on their application. The house is typically found on top of the undercarriage that houses the travel system. The hydraulic excavators complete all functions and movement with the help of hydraulic fluid, hydraulic motors and hydraulic cylinders. The hydraulic cylinders provide linear actuation to provide a different operation mode in comparison to other excavator models that use winches, steel ropes and cables. Backhoe Loaders Similar to a tractor, a backhoe loader is essentially a machine that has a front loader on one end and a backhoe on the other end. To help prevent operator fatigue, there is a swiveling seat to allow the operator to face whichever direction is needed. Backhoe loaders can be built by pairing a front-end loader with a rear backhoe or the machines can be purchased ready to go. The backhoe loaders that have been manufactured that way are extremely strong; models specified for farm variation are not as suited for heavy work. The farm model requires the operator to change seats from sitting in the tractor seat to sitting in front of the backhoe controls. Obviously, switching seats repeatedly to reposition the machine for digging applications slows productivity down. Common hydraulically powered attachments include the auger, a grapppler, breaker and a tiltrotator to complete a variety of jobs in the engineering, agricultural and construction industries. A great attachment for carrying tools is the tiltrotator. Quick coupler mounting systems are commonly found on numerous backhoes. The quick coupler offers better attachment efficiency for switching different equipment out on the machine. Backhoes commonly work beside loaders and bulldozers. In the industrial equipment industry, backhoe loaders are very popular. Some types of specialized equipment such as front-end loaders and excavators are displacing backhoes. The mini-excavator has become popular for many applications. Jobs that would have relied on a backhoe can now combine a skid steer and a mini-excavator. A backhoe bucket can be reversed and utilized in a power shovel application. This can be useful for working around pipes and other obstacles, to increase overall reach capability, for loading from a stockpile or for filling material or picking up items next to buildings. Skidder A type of forestry equipment for transporting freshly cut trees is the skidder. This hauling practice is referred to as skidding. Freshly cut logs are dragged out of the forest and transported from where they were cut to a landing where they are loaded onto logging trucks and transported to the sawmill. Dredging Excavating partially or completely underwater is a process called dredging. Dredging can occur in shallow lakes or the deep ocean. Dredging helps to keep waterways and ports easy to navigate and open. Dredging is often done to improve the coastline, for coastal development purposes and land reclamation. Bottom sediments can be sucked up and relocated elsewhere. Sometimes, dredging is completed to recover materials. The construction industry may collect high-value sediments and minerals via dredging. Four specific components comprise the dredging process including loosening items, transporting the materials to the surface, transporting materials and disposing of them. Extracts may be disposed of in a liquid suspension in pipelines, transported by barge or locally disposed of.

Bulldozers Bulldozers are powerful heavy equipment with great tracks to provide superior mobility on rough terrain. Their design features excellent ability to distribute the extensive weight over a large area to prevent the machine from sinking into muddy or sandy environments. The extra-wide tracks are called swamp tracks and these work well in difficult terrain. The transmission system delivers extensive tractive force and allows the machine to make the most of the unique tracks. Mobile and powerful, bulldozers are commonly used in developing infrastructure, road building, construction, mining, land clearing and other projects that require earth-moving equipment. There are 4WD models on the market of wheeled bulldozers that utilize a hydraulic, articulated system. The hydraulically actuated blade is mounted in front of the articulation joint. The blade and the ripper are the main tools associated with this bulldozer. Grader A long bladed construction machine is the grader. Graders make surfaces flat during grading. Many models have an engine and a cab situated at one end of the machine above the rear axles. There are three axles and the third one is found at the front end of the machine. The blade is balanced in between. Most graders drive while their rear axles are in a tandem position. Some models feature front-wheel drive to provide better grading maneuverability. There are optional attachments for the rear including the scarifier, compactor, ripper or blade. Dirt grading and snowplowing jobs commonly use a mounted side blade. Certain grader models can use many attachments. The underground mining industry can use some specially engineered graders. Graders are employed by civil engineering to finish precision grades of a certain blade angle, pitch and height. Scrapers and bulldozers complete rough grading processes. Dirt and gravel roads rely on graders to provide accuracy. Graders are used to achieving the proper base for construction and road paving. Graders are employed to set gravel or native soil foundation pads to finish grade before large-scale building construction. These impressive machines can create inclined surfaces in order to generate side slopes for roads or drainage ditches along sides of the highways. A joystick or steering wheel is used to control the front wheel angle of the grader. A smaller turning radius is possible by many models due to the frame articulation design between the rear and front axles. Materials can be moved more efficiently thanks to this design allowing operators to change the articulation angle. Electro-hydraulic servo valves rely on electronic switches, joystick input or direct lever control to complete additional functions via hydraulics.