

Construction Equipment

Used Construction Equipment West Covina - Most heavy-duty construction equipment includes vehicles build to complete specific construction tasks. Earthmoving operations are often accompanied by heavy trucks, engineering machines, heavy hydraulics and more. There are five equipment systems including traction, information and control, structure, implement and powertrain. Numerous types of industrial machines fall under the classification of heavy equipment. Tractors Specifically designed tractors offer extreme tractive capabilities at slower speeds to facilitate hauling equipment including construction items, trailers and items for agriculture. Tractors are often utilized as farm equipment to mechanize farming tasks that require power and traction. Numerous agricultural additions can be mounted behind or onto the tractor to make certain jobs easier. Tractors can mechanize attachments to enable digging, heavy lifting and loading, 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. The house sits on top of an undercarriage outfitted with wheels or tracks depending on the model. Excavators rely on hydraulic motors, hydraulic fluid and hydraulic cylinders to facilitate all movements and functions. 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 Backhoe loaders resemble a tractor and these machines feature a backhoe found at one end of the equipment and a front loader found at the opposite end. There is a swiveling seat option to position the operator facing whichever direction is required at the time. 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. This constant movement to reposition the machine during digging often slows down the process. The hydraulically powered attachments include the grapppler, tiltrotator, auger, breaker and other items. The backhoe can be used in a variety of industries including agricultural, engineering and construction. A popular attachment for transporting tools is the tiltrotator. Quick coupler mounting systems are commonly found on numerous backhoes. This enables easier attachment mounting and can dramatically increase the capabilities of the equipment on the machine. It is common to find backhoes working beside bulldozers and loaders. 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 invention of the mini-excavator has drastically improved a variety of industrial jobs. Previous job sites that would have employed a backhoe may now feature a mini excavator and skid steer used in conjunction. A power shovel can be created when the backhoe bucket is used in reverse. This design is helpful for extended-reach applications, working around pipes, loading and filling stockpiled materials, etc. Skidder The skidder is a type of heavy equipment utilized in the forestry industry and logging for taking freshly cut trees out of the forest. 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 Dredging refers to a type of underwater excavation or partially underwater. Dredging can be completed in shallow or deep waters. This process is used to keep ports and waterways open and navigable. Dredging is often done to improve the coastline, for coastal development purposes and land reclamation. Sediments can be sucked up and redistributed. Sometimes, dredging is completed to recover materials. High-value sediments or minerals may be collected via dredging and utilized by the construction industry. 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. Swamp tracks, as the extra wide tracks are known, are useful in poor terrain. Transmission systems within bulldozers are designed to offer excellent tractive force by taking advantage of the unique tracks. Bulldozers are often used in road building, infrastructure development, road building applications, mining, land clearing, construction and other projects that rely on earth-moving machinery. There are 4WD models on the market of wheeled bulldozers that utilize a hydraulic, articulated system. The hydraulically actuated blade is situated in front of the articulation joint. The ripper and the blade are the primary tools with this model. Grader A grader is a type of construction machine that features a long blade. It creates a flat surface during the grading operation. Many models have an engine and cab located above the rear axles at one end of the machine, three axles with the third axle situated at the front end and the blade balanced in between. The majority of graders drive with the rear axles in tandem; however, certain models add front wheel drive to offer better grading maneuverability. Optional rear attachments include the compactor, scarifier, ripper and blade. Dirt grading and snowplowing jobs commonly use a mounted side blade. Some grader models that can employ numerous 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. Maintaining and constructing dirt and gravel roads requires work by graders to ensure accuracy. They are also used to prepare the base for the construction of paved roads. Graders are essential for setting gravel or native soil foundation pads to make the grade before construction begins. These large machines can designate inclined surfaces to establish slopes for drainage ditches or roads beside the highways. A joystick or steering wheel is used to control the front wheel angle of the grader. Numerous models can complete a smaller turning radius thanks to frame articulation between the front and rear axles. This enables the operator to change the articulation angle to be more efficient moving material. Electro-hydraulic servo valves rely on electronic switches, joystick input or direct lever control to complete additional functions via hydraulics.