

Hanchard Cranes Welcomes New Twins

Australia's first two Tadano Hydraulic Truck Cranes sporting the new 2.5 tonne extendable work platforms have settled into work at Hanchard Crane Hire.

Delivered by Australia's largest crane retailer James Equipment, the new Tadano AT-250S machines offer a truly innovative working platform that is capable of lifting 2.5 tonne up to a maximum working height of 30 metres.

When packed neatly on top of the crane carrier, the standard work platform measures 1.8m wide and 3.4 m long. When more space is needed, the platform can be unfolded to create a larger working area 3.4m wide. This can be rotated 360 degrees and tilted for greater access, all through remote hydraulic controls on the platform.

The new Tadano AT-250S is ideally suited to a range of applications where height and access present an obstacle. Removing the need for fixed height working



platforms, this new Tadano has already found favour with power line construction and multi-story development projects.

“I first saw these new Tadano work platform cranes over in Japan and knew their versatility would suit our market,” said Mike Hanchard, Director of Hanchard Crane Hire.

“We now have the first two operating in Australia and their performance so far has been very good. They have already done a considerable amount of work on the Brisbane International Airport expansion with Bovis Lend Lease and a number of large electrical and telecommunications projects. Our clients are very happy with their stability.”

A mobile crane work platform capable of supporting 2.5 tonnes up to a height of 30 metres is a hot commodity with Hutchinson Builders also taking advantage of the new Tadano AT-250S. Based at the Fortitude Valley Urban Expansion project, these new cranes were able to place both the workers and their materials up under the eaves of the properties by tilting the work platform into places no other machine could reach.

The new Tadano AT-250S is built on a Nissan Diesel carrier with full hydraulic H-type outriggers. The boom elevates from -5.5° to 79° in 100 seconds while a Nissan RG8 8 cylinder diesel powers the near 30 tonne carrier to a top speed of 70 kph.

Hanchard Crane Hire is owned and operated by Mike Hanchard who has over 35 years experience in the crane industry. Offering personalised service and highly trained staff, Hanchard Crane Hire has a broad fleet of mobile cranes from 2.5 tonne to 220 tonne including City Crane, Franna Crane, All-Terrain and Hydraulic Truck Crane models.

With two 16 tonne Tadano TR160 rough terrain cranes already in his fleet, Mike Hanchard went to Peter Shelton from James Equipment to secure his two new Tadano AT-250S cranes. Having the only 2.5 tonne work platform cranes in the

country join his first class crane hire fleet, Mike Hanchard expects his team to be busy for a long while to come.

Establishing a solid reputation over 15 years, James Equipment has a broad knowledge base of crane engineering and a large network of international suppliers to draw upon. Serving the crane industry with locations right across Australia, James Equipment has an excellent range of used cranes in stock from international manufacturers including Demag, Kato, Liebherr, and Kobelco.

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