



Farm duties for telehandler

The versatility of the machine was a major factor behind Grobbelaar Boerdery's recent purchases of the AUSA T 204 H telehandler from Danlou Agri Hartswater, the authorised distributor of Smith Power Equipment, AUSA's southern African dealer. Mareli Grobbelaar

was quite clear on a preferred piece of machine – she wanted a versatile telehandler that could multi-task and be deployed across several applications around the farm, apart from the usual loading of lucerne bales.

A demonstration showed how the machine could make light

work of loading two maxi compressed bales of 750 kg each to 4 m high.

"The main reason for going into the market was that their tractor solution was too light and consequently started tipping forward. Additionally, they needed to load three bales horizon-

tally onto their truck (load bed starting at 1,5 m high) for economic transportation and the T 204 H was the natural choice. Other operational parameters tested were machine manoeuvrability and speed while handling the load. An exciting feature in this regard is the crab mode, which allows the machine's tyres to independently turn in one direction," explains Kemp.

Ordered with forks, the machine is deployed to load lucerne bales. "Our tractors that we previously used for this particular task are old and can no longer do the job efficiently. We also have a bigger telehandler on site that we use to load bales. However, we also use this particular unit during harvesting and that's why we needed a second machine" adds Mareli.

Officially launched locally at bauma CONEXPO AFRICA 2018 by Smith Power Equipment, the AUSA T 204 H has a 2 000 kg capacity and is designed to carry loads on demanding terrains and narrow spaces. The machine can elevate 2 000 kg at 4,2 m. It has a reach of 1 000 kg at 3 m when the boom is horizontally extended.

Powered by a Kubota engine, the T 204 H combines hydrostatic transmission and joystick controls with an integrated inverter. The technology allows for smoother and intuitive handling on rough terrains, as well as better performance with reduced fuel consumption.

An advanced position cabin gives 360 degrees visibility. With uptime in mind, the tilting cabin offers easy access to key service points for quick execution of all maintenance tasks. It offers rough terrain capabilities due to permanent 4WD transmission with a limited slip differential on the front axle and high ground clearance.



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