

Manitex CE marks two cranes

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Manitex has prepared two of its cranes for CE certification, allowing them to be sold in the EU. The company says it plans, initially, to sell 40 US t and 50 US t models in central and eastern Europe. It showed a 50 US t boom truck as ConExpo Russia in September.

CE marking certifies that the manufacturer has built the crane in line with the EU Machinery Directive. Manitex president and CEO Andrew Rooke said, "The certification with the CE mark of our 40 US t and 50 US t cranes opens the European market to our distribution and provides additional competitive support in markets where certification is preferred but not mandatory. Direct marketing, as well as the identification of suitable European dealers, has already commenced and we believe our cranes will provide a competitive solution against European truck cranes traditionally used in these territories."



The company has also announced changes to the standard design on its 50 US t cranes. The company said, "New value-added features that will be standard on its 50 US t taxi cranes will provide easier setup and better load management for the sole operator. The jib-jack, offered as a standard value-added feature, will lower operation and overhead costs for equipment operators and rental fleets alike. Manitex has also added a 'no-free-swing' option for the 50 US t product specifically designed for oil field service and power grid applications."

Rooke said, "The announcement of enhancements to our 50 US t crane expands the versatility of our products and effectively addresses the needs of distributors and the equipment's end-users in our marketplace. We want to help our customers do business, and these features make it easier and more profitable for them to operate our product, which will help their competitive position particularly during this period of economic slowdown and uncertainty. Standardising these features strengthens our product lines and increases our value as supplier to our dealers. We believe this also positions us to increase our participation in the infrastructure build out initiatives that are now being discussed as part of the proposed economic stimulus packages for 2009."