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Skylift Reach New Heights With Tadano ATF220G-5

When the Melbourne based crane Hire Company Skylift Crane Services decided to expand their fleet and break into the bigger end of the market, they never anticipated that their crane of choice would be the Tadano ATF220G-5 model.

Skylift Crane Services is a family owned and operated business, established in 1997. Beginning with just a single crane and crew, the company has experienced considerable growth. Today, Skylift Crane Service has an extensive fleet covering all categories from a 2.5 tonne crawler up to a 220 tonne All - Terrain crane.

According to Craig Meredith of Skylift Crane Services, the company had been keen to expand further into the next category of lifting, over 200 tonnes.

“The over 200 tonne sector opens up an entirely new range of work opportunities,” said Craig Meredith. “With the right crane in our fleet we would be able to pitch for work with bridge construction, chiller replacement, high rise works and so on.”



Based on their industry experience and speculation, Skylift Crane Services started their research. However, they were stopped in their tracks when they realised that their initial brand of choice held little re-sale value both in Australia and overseas.

“This forced us to take a whole new look at the cranes in this category. We were prepared to invest heavily in new plant, but needed to know that there would be a willing global market when the time came to trade out.”

“Through recommendations from industry colleagues we were encouraged to look at the new Tadano ATF220G-5 crane. What we saw convinced us pretty quickly that this crane was perfectly matched to our needs and that the Tadano brand is in demand worldwide.”



The Tadano model ATF220G-5 is a 5 axle crane with ratings of 12t per axle, has full hydraulic suspension, 85 kph road speed and 69% grade ability. Using the single cylinder telescoping system, the six-section boom extends to 68m. Additional boom extensions are available from 13.2m to 37.2m. This is a crane designed to be mobile yet capable of handling the big lifting jobs.

Another highlight is the Asymmetrical Outrigger Base Control feature which helps to enhance the ATF 220G-5's load capacities when the outriggers differ in length. Through this system, the length of all four outriggers is automatically determined via length sensors and the position of the superstructure is ascertained via the angle of rotation. Subsequently, both figures are communicated to the crane control system which releases the maximum possible lifting capacities for each single outrigger sector separately, which really is a special feature.

“The Tadano features that appealed to us were the lifting chart which proved superior for radius work and the efficient transportation of accessories. All terrain cranes in this category need four semi-trailers to carry the counter weights and the jib. The Tadano only needs three making it 25% cheaper to transport the accessories to the work site.”

Once acquired and operating in the Skylift Crane Services fleet, the real benefits of the Tadano ATF220G-5 began to shine through. With an axle rating of 12 tonnes per axle, the five axle Tadano machine is able to get into locations that six axle competitive models could not access. The Tadano ATF220G-5 has even worked brilliantly in the narrow streets of Melbourne’s inner suburbs.

The height and reach of the jib with full length fly attached has delivered the essential reach to lift jobs between one and three tonnes, to maximum height.

“We’ve been impressed by how simple the Tadano ATF220G-5 is to operate,” said Craig Meredith.

“What we needed was a quality crane that is a simple to operate, efficient and reliable and that is exactly what the Tadano ATF220G-5 has delivered for us”

“Before we purchased our new Tadano crane, we budgeted on having the crane in work initially for two days a week. Since we’ve been operating the Tadano ATF220G-5 it has been out on site an average of 4 days a week.”

Tadano is a world leader in the crane industry. The Tadano range includes All Terrain cranes, Truck cranes, Rough Terrain cranes and Tadano Mantis Telescopic Boom Hydraulic Crawler cranes.

Key Data

Model	Tadano ATF220G-5
Max capacity	220,000 kg
Road speed (Max)	85 km/h
Gross vehicle Mass	60,000 kgs
Max radius	84 m
Boom	13.2 – 68 m
Boom extension	5.6 m – 35.8. M
Outriggers	Asymmetrical Outriggers
Max sheave height	108 m
Extension speed	10.5 to 35.2 in 80 sec
Engine	Mercedes Benz 6 cylinder OM 471 LA
Capacity	12.8 litres

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