

Press release

More power: Kurth Autokrane takes delivery of Liebherr LTF 1060-4.1 truck mounted telescopic crane

- LTF 1060-4.1 replaces LTF 1045-4.1 in Kurth crane fleet
- Higher load capacity required
- Truck mounted telescopic crane is an economical alternative in the taxi crane class

Kurth Autokrane has taken delivery of a Liebherr LTF 1060-4.1. The 60-tonne truck mounted telescopic crane replaces a 15-year-old LTF 1045-4.1 in the fleet of the company from Blankenheim in North Rhine-Westphalia. The higher load capacity and good experience with the predecessor tipped the scales in favour of the 60-tonner on series trucks.

Ehingen (Donau) (Germany), 3 December 2024 - Kurth Autokrane has many years of experience with truck mounted telescopic cranes. For 15 years, the company operated an LTF 1045-3.1, and before that an LTF 1040. Managing Director Marcel Kurth explains: "We have had good experiences with the Liebherr truck-mounted cranes, but the LTF 1045-4.1 was now increasingly reaching its performance limit. That is why we decided to buy the much more powerful LTF 1060-4.1. Fuel consumption and maintenance costs are lower for cranes with a truck chassis."

Economical alternative

The cost-effectiveness of LTF cranes in everyday use is guaranteed by low operating costs, as the design of a standard truck means that it consumes less fuel than a comparable all-terrain crane. The power of the superstructure engine is precisely matched to the requirements of crane operation. Using a standard truck as the crane chassis also means lower costs for tyres and other wearing parts as they are mass produced. Truck driver's cabs are also available with sleeping facilities, if necessary, which is beneficial for certain crane jobs.

The compact dimensions and low axle loads of the LTF mobile cranes ensure maximum flexibility. LTF cranes comply with all the criteria for an unlimited permanent road licence in Germany. The LTF 1060-4.1 is an economical alternative for crane operators in the taxi crane class, as the 4-axle vehicle travels with a total ballast of 10.2 tonnes with a maximum axle load of 9 tonnes on the front axles and 12 tonnes on the rear axles. The crane's gross weight remains under 42 tonnes and it is immediately ready to start work on site with its maximum lifting capacity. No additional transport vehicles are required for ballast

weights or equipment. By reducing the ballast carried on the crane, the total weight can be reduced to less than 33 tonnes, which has a positive effect on driving licences and registration options.

25th anniversary

This year, Kurth Autokrane is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Marcel Kurth founded his company in 1999: "We started very small with one crane, one driver and my strong wife at my side." Today, Kurth operates 126 machines with 19 employees and is an all-round service provider for cranes, work platforms, ground-level work and heavy haulage as well as towing and recovery services for trucks.

"In 25 years, we have grown in a customer-orientated way with a sense of proportion and purpose. We have a good relationship with Liebherr. The products retain their value, are easy to maintain and innovative. The service at Liebherr is excellent. The team at the Oberhausen branch is fully committed to its customers, even under challenging conditions," says Marcel Kurth.

About Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH

Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH is a leading manufacturer of mobile and crawler cranes. Its range of mobile cranes extends from 2-axle 35 tonne cranes to heavy duty cranes with a lifting capacity of 1200 tonnes and a 9-axle chassis. Its lattice boom cranes on mobile or crawler travel gear deliver lifting capacities of up to 3000 tonnes. With universal boom systems and extensive additional equipment, they can be seen in action on construction sites throughout the world. The Ehingen site has a workforce of 5,000. An extensive, global service network guarantees the high availability of Liebherr mobile and crawler cranes. In 2023, the Liebherr plant in Ehingen recorded a turnover of 2.81 billion euros.

About the Liebherr Group – 75 years of moving forward

The Liebherr Group is a family-run technology company with a highly diversified product programme. The company is one of the largest construction equipment manufacturers in the world. It also provides high-quality, user-oriented products and services in a wide range of other areas. The Liebherr Group includes over 150 companies across all continents. In 2023, it employed more than 50,000 staff and achieved combined revenues of over 14 billion euros. Liebherr was founded by Hans Liebherr in 1949 in the southern German town of Kirchdorf an der Iller. Since then, the employees have been pursuing the goal of achieving continuous technological innovation, and bringing industry-leading solutions to its customers. Under the slogan '75 years of moving forward', the Group celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2024.

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Crane handover in Ehingen (from left to right): Robert Stoffels (Kurth Autokrane), Erich Schneider (Liebherr-Werk Ehingen GmbH), Marcel Kurth, Alexandra Kurth (both Kurth Autokrane).

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