

This KC65.5 mini crawler crane, the smallest of four forthcoming models, created a lot of interest at the Show.



# Cranes from Cormidi

As the UK and Eire distributor for Cormidi, Ammann Equipment used the Show to exhibit the latest tracked dumpers from the Italian manufacturer, as well as innovative cranes.

At the 2009 Show, Ammann Equipment displayed the Cormidi tracked dumpers for which it had then recently become the approved



Armando Cormidi beside his new 60 series high-tip tracked dumper.

UK and Eire distributor. This year, the distinctive orange machines from Italy were in greater evidence on a bigger Ammann stand, and three new machines in particular were attracting much attention.

Robert Brown, MD of Ammann Equipment, reports that small, high-tip tracked dumpers with capacities from 500-800kg were the most popular Cormidi machines last

year. So he was pleased to exhibit two new products in this class this year. One was a remote controlled 800kg capacity, while the other was the latest pre-production 60 series machine, which should become available for sale in this country by early summer.

With its 600kg capacity, the 60 series rubber tracked dumper slots into the Cormidi range between the existing 50 series (500kg) and 65 series (650kg) series machines. The new intermediate model features a stylish, sound deadening engine canopy made of reinforced glass fibre. It helps the machine achieve a sound level rating of 101dB LwA. The new undercarriage on the 670mm wide unit has four bottom rollers and one top roller. The machine has been designed for greater stability and lower ground bearing pressure, and it can be supplied with an optional, fold-down platform for the operator to stand on at the back.

Engine options for the 60 series dumper will be either a Honda GX200 (petrol) or a Yanmar LN70 (diesel), driving a powerful hydraulic system. Useful standard features include electric start, an oil cooler (with an electric fan) and an hour meter. The new style control layout has an array of six levers. The two on the left hand side alter the travel direction of the left and right tracks, while the shorter middle lever changes the speed range (low is up to 1.8km/h and high is up to 4.0km/h). The other two levers control skip raise and tip. The skip can be raised to provide a maximum top pin height of 1.7m.

The remote controlled, 800kg capacity 80 series dumper was on show to arouse interest from hire companies looking for niche products. The machine is suitable for applications such as canal-side work, where it can be safer for the operator to remain distanced from the machine. Some hirers also saw potential for the unit to be fitted with a flail mower for cutting motorway embankments.

Small rubber tracked cranes are gaining in popularity, and Cormidi's General Manager, Armando Cormidi, was over from Italy to proudly promote his new range of these useful machines. The unit on show, which is carried on a standard 780mm-wide Cormidi chassis, is now called the KC65.5. Its interchangeable crane module has drop down 'spider style' outriggers that provide a 3100mm rear support width and a 2300mm front support width.

Powered by a 9hp Honda GX 270 engine, the KC65.5 can lift up to 500kg through a 180° operating arc at the front. It can raise 400kg to a vertical height of 6.22m, and 250kg can be lifted at a maximum outreach of 4.58m.

The remote controlled crane can also lift loads from below ground level. When fitted with a 120kg-capacity basket, the machine becomes the KCB85.7 access platform. It provides a maximum working height of around 8.5m and a maximum outreach of 7m.

Other Cormidi rubber tracked cranes/access platforms will be the bigger models, designated the KC10.9/KCB13.10, KC12.10/KCB15.11 and

KC17.15/KCB20.13, on dedicated carriers. These spider style machines have maximum lifting capacities (as cranes) of up to 1450kg. Robert Brown reports that there was a lot of interest in the Cormidi mini crane at the Show and he hopes to have a couple of demonstration units in this country by the middle of the year. ●



The 80 series tracked dumper can now be supplied with this radio remote control box.

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