Gradall Forklift Parts

Gradall Forklift Parts - During the time when WWII created a shortage of workers, the legendary Gradall excavator was founded in the 1940s as the creation of two brothers Ray and Koop Ferwerda. The brothers faced the problems of a depleted labor force due to the war. As partners in their Cleveland, Ohio construction company called Ferwerda-Werba-Ferwerda they lacked the available laborers in order to perform the delicate tasks of finishing and grading on their interstate projects. The Ferwerda brothers opted to make an equipment that will save their business by making the slope grading task less manual, easier and more efficient.

The first excavator prototype consisted of a device with two industrial beams on a rotating platform fixed to a used truck. There was a telescopic cylinder that was utilized to move the beams back and forth. This enabled the fixed blade at the far end of the beams to push or pull the dirt. Before long enhancing the first design, the brothers made a triangular boom so as to add more strength. Also, they added a tilt cylinder that let the boom rotate 45 degrees in both directions. A cylinder was positioned at the rear of the boom, powering a long push rod to enable the machinery to be equipped with either a bucket or a blade attachment.

Gradall introduced in the year 1992, with the introduction of the new XL Series hydraulics, the most ground-breaking adjustment in their machines since their invention. This new system of top-of-the-line hydraulics enabled the Gradall excavator to deliver high productivity and comparable power to the more conventional excavators. The XL Series ended the first Gradall equipment power drawn from gear pumps and low pressure hydraulics. These conventional systems effectively handled finishing work and grading but had a hard time competing for high productivity work.

The new XL Series Gradall excavators proved a significant increase in their lifting and digging ability. These models were made together with a piston pump, high-pressure hydraulics system which showed immense improvements in boom and bucket breakout forces. The XL Series hydraulics system was likewise developed along with a load-sensing capability. Traditional excavators use an operator to choose a working-mode; where the Gradall system can automatically adjust the hydraulic power meant for the task at hand. This makes the operator's overall job easier and also conserves fuel simultaneously.

Once the new XL Series hydraulics became available in the market, Gradall was thrust into the extremely competitive industrial equipment market which are meant to tackle excavating, demolition, pavement removal as well as other industrial tasks. The introduction of the new telescoping boom helped to further improve the excavator's marketability. The telescoping boom gives the excavator the ability to work in low overhead areas and to better position attachments.