

## Construction Equipment

Used Construction Equipment New Hampshire - Most heavy-duty construction equipment includes vehicles build to complete specific construction tasks. Heavy hydraulics, engineered vehicles and large trucks often accompany earthmoving operations. There are five equipment systems including traction, information and control, structure, implement and powertrain. There is a variety of industrial equipment that is classified under the heavy equipment umbrella. Tractors Tractors are meticulously designed to provide high tractive responses at slow speeds to facilitate hauling equipment, trailers or items required for construction or agricultural applications. One of the most popular farming machines is tractors that mechanize heavy lifting and loading tasks that need traction and power. Many agricultural attachments can be added to the tractor to simplify tasks. The tractor can provide power to the mechanized attachment to facilitate heavy lifting or digging etc. Excavators Heavy construction equipment includes excavators that feature a bucket, stick, boom and cab situated on a rotating platform. The house sits on top of an undercarriage outfitted with wheels or tracks depending on the model. Hydraulic cylinders, motors and hydraulic fluid all help the excavator complete its movement and job capacity. A different operation mode is achieved with excavators that rely on the linear actuation of the hydraulic cylinders as opposed to models that use cables, steel ropes and winches. Backhoe Loaders Similar to a tractor, a backhoe loader is essentially a machine that has a front loader on one end and a backhoe on the other end. There is a swiveling seat option to position the operator facing whichever direction is required at the time. These machines can be purchased as is or may be constructed from a farm tractor pairing with a rear backhoe and a front-end loader. Manufactured backhoe loaders are specific for farm applications and are not suitable for heavy work. The farm model requires the operator to change seats from sitting in the tractor seat to sitting in front of the backhoe controls. Constantly changing positions to move the machine into place for digging slows everything down. Thanks to the invention of hydraulically powered attachments including an auger, tiltrotator, a grapppler, breaker, etc., the backhoe can be outfitted to use in a variety of applications including construction, engineering and agricultural sectors. A popular attachment for transporting tools is the tiltrotator. Many backhoes provide different quick coupler mounting systems. The quick coupler offers better attachment efficiency for switching different equipment out on the machine. It is common to find backhoes working beside bulldozers and loaders. In the industrial equipment industry, backhoe loaders are very popular. Certain types of special equipment including excavators and front-end loaders are replacing backhoes. The mini-excavator has become popular for many applications. A mini-excavator and a skid steer can work together to complete work that was formally reserved for a backhoe. A power shovel can be created when the backhoe bucket is used in reverse. This design is helpful for extended-reach applications, working around pipes, loading and filling stockpiled materials, etc. Skidder A skidder is a kind of heavy equipment that is used in logging for hauling freshly cut trees from the forest in a forestry practice known as skidding. Freshly cut logs are dragged out of the forest and transported from where they were cut to a landing where they are loaded onto logging trucks and transported to the sawmill. Dredging Excavating partially or completely underwater is a process called dredging. Dredging can occur in shallow lakes or the deep ocean. This excavation method is used to keep waterways and ports navigable for ships and free of debris. It is commonly done for land reclamation, coastal development and coastline protection. This process allows sediments to be suctioned up and relocated. Sometimes, dredging is completed to recover materials. Minerals or high-value sediments can be collected from certain construction applications during dredging. Four specific components comprise the dredging process including loosening items, transporting the materials to the surface, transporting materials and disposing of them. Extracts may be disposed of in a liquid suspension in pipelines, transported by barge or locally disposed of. Bulldozers A popular type of heavy equipment is the bulldozer. It relies on large tracks to manage mobility on rough surfaces and tricky terrain. Their design features excellent ability to

distribute the extensive weight over a large area to prevent the machine from sinking into muddy or sandy environments. Swamp tracks, as the extra wide tracks are known, are useful in poor terrain. The transmission system delivers extensive tractive force and allows the machine to make the most of the unique tracks. Bulldozers are often used in road building, infrastructure development, road building applications, mining, land clearing, construction and other projects that rely on earth-moving machinery. Wheeled bulldozer models with 4WD are available. They feature an articulated hydraulic system to complete difficult tasks. In front of the articulation joint, the hydraulically actuated blade is mounted. The two primary tools on a bulldozer are the blade and the ripper. Grader A long bladed construction machine is the grader. It creates a flat surface during the grading operation. Numerous models feature a cab and engine found above the rear axles located at one end of the equipment with three axles. The third axle is found at the front portion of the machine and the blade balances nicely in between. Most graders drive while their rear axles are in a tandem position. Some models feature front-wheel drive to provide better grading maneuverability. Optional rear attachments include the compactor, scarifier, ripper and blade. Snowplowing and dirt grading operations often use a side blade that can be mounted. A variety of attachments can be used on certain grader models. The underground mining industry can use some specially engineered graders. Graders are used in the civil engineering industry to finish grade with precision with the proper height, pitch and blade angle. Rough grading processes are completed with bulldozers or scrapers. Maintaining and constructing dirt and gravel roads requires work by graders to ensure accuracy. They are also used to prepare the base for the construction of paved roads. These machines are used to set native soil foundation pads or gravel to complete the grade prior to large-scale construction commences. These impressive machines can create inclined surfaces in order to generate side slopes for roads or drainage ditches along sides of the highways. A joystick or steering wheel is used to control the front wheel angle of the grader. Numerous models can complete a smaller turning radius thanks to frame articulation between the front and rear axles. This enables the operator to change the articulation angle to be more efficient moving material. Other functions are usually powered with hydraulics and can be directly controlled by joystick inputs, levers or electronic switches powering electro-hydraulic servo valves.