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Survey says

Heavy investment over the past 12 months has resulted in a not unexpected 20% jump in the size of the world's biggest access fleets. ALH summarizes the results of the latest Access-50 survey from our sister publication, Access International.

Fifteen of the world's biggest aerial platform owners grew their fleets by over 20% last year, and eight of them broke the 40% growth barrier. Acquisitions played a big part in this - notably in the case of Ashtead Group (owner of Sunbelt Rentals)- but organic growth and big spending on fleets played

an equally important role, with companies as diverse as Simplex in Canada simply spending a lot on lifts.

The overall impact of this heavy investment has been a 21% increase in the size of the world's Access-50 fleet, to 402,900 units. An almost equal rise in the biggest fleets sees

+1,000 telehandler fleets

1	United Rentals	10,445
2	Loxam	3,400
3	Ahern Rentals	3,130
4	RSC	3,000 (Est)
5	Ashtead Group	3,000 (Est)
6	NES Rentals	2,275
7	H&E	2,050
8	Hertz	2,000 (Est)
9	Nikken	1,966
10	GAM	1,508
11	Neff Rental	1,397
12	Sunstate Equip	1,300
13	UK Forks (VP plc)	1,200

Rank	Company	Country	Fleet size	%	Countries of Operation	web site	
07			2007	2006	+/-		
1	United Rentals	US	73,555	71,093	3.5%	USA, Canada, Mexico	www.unitedrentals.com
2	RSC Equipment Rental	US	35,705	29,000 ^(E)	19%	US, Canada	www.rscrental.com
3	Ashtead Group	UK	31,510	19,355	63.0%	UK, US	www.ashtead-group.com
	<i>Includes Sunbelt Rentals and A-Plant, and NationsRent acquisition.</i>						
4	Hertz Equipment Rental Co	US	19,900 ^(E)	17,000 ^(E)	17.1%	US, Canada, France, Spain	www.hertzequip.com
5	NES Rentals	US	19,210	16,375	17.3%	US	www.nesrentals.com
6	Nikken Corp	Japan	17,961	3,000 ^(E)	-	Japan	www.rental.co.jp
7	Ahern Rentals	US	13,995	11,400	22.8%	US	www.ahernrentals.com
8	Lavendon Group	UK	13,760	12,784	7.6%	UK, Fr, Sp, Ge, Middle East	www.lavendongroup.com
9	H&E Equipment Services	US	13,322	12,869	3.5%	US	www.he-equipment.com
10	Nishio Rent All	Japan	10,300	7,000 ^(E)	47.1%	Japan, Malayasia, Thailand, Singapore	www.nishio-rent.co.jp
11	Ramirent	Finland	9,265	6,701	38.3%	Ukraine	www.ramirent.com
12	GAM	Spain	9,125	3,562	256%	Spain, Portugal	www.gamalquiler.com
13	Loxam	France	9,100	7,500	21.3%	Fr, UK, Ire Ge, Swiz, Be, Sp, H, Lux	www.loxam.fr
14	Cramo	Fin/Swe	8,195	6,661	23.0%	Scandinavia, Est, Lat, Lit, Pol, Cz, Russia	www.cramo.com
15	Riwal	Netherlands	7,895	5,283	49.4%	Europe and Middle East	www.riwal.com
16	Pekkaniska	Finland	6,000	-	-	Finland, Russia, Baltics	www.pekkanska.com
17	Aktio Corp	Japan	6,000 ^(E)	4,000 ^(E)	-	Japan	www.aktio.co.jp
18	UMESA	Spain	5,200	3,600	44.4%	Spain	www.umesa.com
19	AVS Systemlift	Germany	4,662	4,513	3.3%	Germany, Austria	www.systemlift.de
20	Sunstate Equipment	US	4,500	4,177	7.7%	US	www.sunstateequip.com
21	Sumisho Rental Support (Bluetec)	Japan	4,500 ^(E)	4,500 ^(E)	0.0%	Japan	www.srsrscorp.co.jp
22	Kiloutou	France	4,400	4,000	10.0%	France	www.kiloutou.fr
23	Coates Hire	Australia	4,316	4,448	-3.0%	Australia, UK, Indonesia	www.coates.com.au

Top 20 Mast climber fleets

One innovation in the Access-50 this year is a list of the top 20 mast climber rental companies. This was compiled from information from various industry sources, and we are confident of the reliability of the figures.

1	Ramirent (Finland)	1,150
2	Alimak Hek (Global)	975
3	SGB Mastclimbers (UK)	837
4	Ibemaq (Spain)	650
5	Sante (Singapore)	500
6	Ates (Spain)	450
7	Fraco (USA, Ca, Fr)	450
8	Mainco- Forza Gruas (Sp)	400
9	Jaso (Spain)	350
10	TNT (USA)	350
11	CME (Singapore)	250
12	Soverign Access (UK)	180
13	Al Laith (Dubai)	150
14	Sun Scaffold (US)	150
15	Sunbelt Rentals (US)	127
16	MidWest (US)	120
17	ATL (France)	100
18	Safeway (US)	100
19	Select Equipment (US)	100
20	CCM (Singapore)	90

Be a part of the ALH20/20

American Lift & Handlers will be conducting its first ALH20/20 poll in the September/October issue. The 20/20 will be a list of the top 20 aerial lift fleets and the top 20 telehandler fleets in North America.

ALH is asking readers to submit information on their aerial and telehandler fleet sizes by the end of August. All we need are the unit sizes of the fleets, with the aerials category including scissor lifts, self-propelled booms, truck mounted aerials, vertical personnel lifts, construction hoists and mast climbers (number of drive units).

The telehandler category includes standard telehandlers and rough terrain vertical mast units, but should not include industrial forklifts.

ALH will send out inquiries for the 20/20 and forms will posted on www.khl.com/alh.

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the top 5 fleet - all US companies - rise to a whopping 179,880 units, and the top 10 reaching more than 250,000 machines.

Number one again is United Rentals, with a relatively modest 3.5% increase to just over 73,555 machines. It is not-so-closely followed by RSC with 35,705 units and Ashtead Group (combining A-Plant, Sunbelt and NationsRent)

with 31,510 aerials. Ahern Rentals also had significant growth with an increase of 22.8%, bringing its fleet size of aerials and booms to 13,995.

This year for the first time, ALH had a look at telehandler fleets, as well (see box below). Not everyone was willing to part with this information. Listed are those companies that have more than 1,000 telehandlers. **ALH**

Rank	Company	Country	Fleet size	%	Countries of Operation	web site	
07			2007	2006	+/-		
24	AFI-Uplift	UK	4,075	2800	45.5%	UK	www.afi-platforms.co.uk
25	The Platform Company	UK	3,785	2845	33.0%	UK	www.platformcompany.co.uk
26	Acces Industrie	France	3,733	2928	27.5%	France, Spain, Portugal	www.acces-industrie.com
27	Gruppo Venpa	Italy	3,300	3300	0.0%	Italy, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenja, Montenegro	www.gruppoventpa3.it
28	Euroloc	Spain	3,000	-		Spain, Portugal, Morocco	www.euroloc.es
=29	All Erection	US	3,000 ^(E)	2800 ^(E)		USA, Canada	www.allcrane.com
=29	Star Rentals	US	3,000 ^(E)	2000 ^(E)		Western USA	www.starrentals.com
=29	Kanamoto	Japan	3,000 ^(E)	-		Japan	www.kanamoto.co.jp
32	Simplex Equipment Rental	Canada	2,916	1800	62.0%	Canada	www.simplex.ca
33	Boels BV	Netherlands	2,760	1892	45.9%	Neth, Bel, Ge, Aust, Cz.	www.boels.com
34	Partnerlift	Germany	2,750	2270	21.1%	Germany	www.partnerlift.com
35	Hewden Stuart plc	UK	2,700	2600	3.8%	UK	www.hewden.co.uk
36	Neff Rental	US	2,613	-		US	www.neffrental.com
37	DK Rental	Belgium	2,600 ^(E)	2600		Bel, Fr, Sp	www.dkrental.be
38	Mateco	Germany	2,513	2446	2.7%	Ge, Bel, Fr, Swiz, Aus, Pol, Slov, Cz, Den, Lux	www.mateco.de
39	Boom Logistics	Australia	2,500	-		Australia	www.boomlogistics.com.au
=40	Recnos (Gecoss Corp)	Japan	2,500 ^(E)	2500 ^(E)		Japan	www.gecoss.co.jp
=40	Vamasa	Spain	2,500 ^(E)	2200 ^(E)		Spain	www.vamasa.com
42	Height for Hire/Easi-Uplifts	Ireland	2,251	-		Ireland, UK	www.heightforhire.com
43	SGB Group	UK	2,200 ^(E)	2200 ^(E)		Europe, Asia, Middle East	www.sgb.co.uk
44	Groupe Salti	France	2,135	2071	3.1%	France	www.groupesalti.fr
45	Lev	France	2,000	-		France	www.lev.fr
=46	Tokyo Rental	Japan	2,000 ^(E)	2000 ^(E)		Japan	www.t-ren.com
=46	Ryoki Co Ltd	Japan	2,000 ^(E)	2000 ^(E)		Japan	www.ryoki-japan.co.jp
48	Midwest Aerials & Equipment	US	1,800	1650	9.1%	US	www.midwestaerials.com
49	Clem Group	Spain	1,732	-		Spain	www.clem.es
50	Alimak Hek Group	Sweden	1,640	1625	0.9%	Europe, US, Asia, Australia	www.alimakhek.com