Gradall Forklift Parts

Gradall Forklift Parts - During the time when World War II created a shortage of workers, the famous Gradall excavator was founded in the 1940s as the idea of two brothers Ray and Koop Ferwerda. Partners in a Cleveland, Austin construction business referred to as Ferwerda-Werba-Ferwerda, the brothers faced a huge predicament when lots of men left the labor force and signed up in the military, depleting available workers for the delicate grading and finishing work on highway projects. The Ferwerda brothers decided to build an equipment which will save their business by making the slope grading work less manual, easier and more efficient.

The initial excavator prototype consisted of a machine with two industrial beams on a rotating platform fixed to a second-hand truck. There was a telescopic cylinder which was utilized to move the beams back and forth. This allowed the fixed blade at the far end of the beams to pull or push the dirt. Before long improving the first design, the brothers built a triangular boom in order to add more strength. Additionally, they added a tilt cylinder that let the boom rotate 45 degrees in either direction. A cylinder was placed at the back of the boom, powering a long push rod to enable the machine to be equipped with either a blade or a bucket attachment.

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

The new XL Series Gradall excavators proved a remarkable increase in their digging and lifting ability. These models were made together with a piston pump, high-pressure hydraulics system that showed huge improvements in boom and bucket breakout forces. The XL Series hydraulics system was also developed along with a load-sensing capability. Conventional excavators make use of an operator to choose a working-mode; where the Gradall system can automatically adjust the hydraulic power intended for the job at hand. This makes the operator's general task easier and even conserves fuel at the same time.

Once the new XL Series hydraulics reached the market, Gradall was thrust into the extremely competitive industrial machine market which are meant to tackle excavating, demolition, pavement removal as well as various 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 better position attachments and to work in low overhead areas.