

MEC launches 60 ft scissor

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US-based MEC Aerial Work Platforms is introducing a 60 ft (20.2 m) rough terrain scissor to compete with European-produced models. It will make its debut at ConExpo.

The MEC 6092RT is the largest scissor to be manufactured in North America and joins the MEC '92' Ultra-Deck rough terrain scissor lift series. It is based on the existing MEC 5492RT, which up until now has been North America's tallest production scissor lift.

"The 6092RT takes large platform scissor lifts to heights that have been designated only for boom lifts, in the North American market," said a company spokesman.

It will be first shown at The ConExpo exhibition in Las Vegas, USA, taking place in March next year.

The MEC 6092RT comes equipped with a 7.5 m Ultra-Deck platform with dual slide decks, a turbo charged diesel Kubota engine, MEC's exclusive Quad-Trax full time 4wd, oscillating axle, automatic levelling outriggers and engine slide out module.

Jim Tolle MEC director of international markets, said: "The justification behind the 6092RT is to address the highly priced European competitive models. We have recognised a large gap in the large deck European scissor lift product range versus the large deck North American product range.

"You go from the aggressively priced North American made scissor lift, which up until now, has been limited by height to the highly priced European made scissor lift. Until now the few metres of increased height would cost the customer a 50%-100% premium over a North American made machine."

Mr Tolle adds that the idea is not to displace 'European-style' large deck scissors lift, but to offer a lower cost alternative with return on investment being a major consideration.

According to the company, its low entry height and weight of 9200 kg means there is low ground pressure. And at 2.34 m wide, two units can be transported on a single truck.

"For our North American customers the 6092RT takes the operator to a 6 story level that up until now has been deemed a boom lift category with small compact platforms," said the company spokesman.

"Our customers have already made commitments to pre-product units, as a result of our second quarter 2014 production date limiting the amount produced we plan to sell out of this new model early in 2014."

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