



FERRELLGAS

VENTURO CRANE HELPS PROPANE PROVIDER MOVE PRECIOUS CARGO

INTRODUCTION

Ferrellgas is a propane provider headquartered in Liberty, Missouri. Founded in 1939 and with nearly 4,000 employees, they are a trusted partner to approximately 1 million customers across the United States.

THE CHALLENGE

A Ferrellgas truck had a MaxLift crane with obsolete parts that needed replacing. But because the crane was made in Italy, the parts were going to take more time than they could wait to arrive, and the repair cost was estimated to be several thousand dollars.

With multiple projects on the horizon and each truck needed to maximize uptime, Ferrellgas decided a new crane would be more cost-effective and timelier.

THE VENTURO SOLUTION

Terex's Truck Service in North Little Rock, Arkansas recommended the Venturo HT30KX crane to the Ferrellgas team of technicians.

The HT30KX is a fully hydraulic crane, and features a 20 ft. extension boom with a capacity-overload shut-off system, anti-two-block design, remote control pendant with 25 ft. cord and a load block with a swivel hook safety latch. It is rated at 40,000 ft./lbs. with a maximum lifting capacity of 6,000 lbs. at six feet. The crane meets ANSI B30.5 safety standards and OSHA 1910.180 requirements.

"When looking for a second crane to meet our needs, I went right to Venturo first because I am very familiar with the brand and the performance of the cranes. I am very happy with it."

- Anthony Perito,
Colonial Funeral Home

CONCLUSION

The Venturo HT30KX has been on the Ferrellgas truck for many years. While it performs different jobs in the field and at company locations, this crane is primarily used to pick up and install propane tanks at residential, commercial and agriculture facilities.

"They did an excellent job on installation," said Ferrellgas Field Install Technician James Warner, who is the main operator of the service truck mounted with the HT30KX crane.

Warner said the average weight for most of the tanks he lifts is 500 to 1,000 lbs. But in the rare instances where he has exceeded the rated amount, he has found the safety limit switches and settings to work well. The rugged crane has only needed minimal service over the years and continues to work reliably with basic annual servicing and load testing.