MOBILE LIFT COMPARISON / THE BIG THREE (Challenger Lifts)





















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| Brand | Rotary | | | | Stertil Koni | | Gray / Challenger (rebrand) | Rotary ADVANTAGES |
| Spec / Feature | Wired | Wireless | FLEXTM | MAX | Ebright | EarthLift™ | Wireless | |
| Capacities | 13,000 / 18,000 | 18,000 | 14,000 / 18,800 | 14,000 / 18,800 | 14,000 / 16,500 / 18.500 / 22,000 | 18,500 / 22,000 | 13,500 / 18,500 | |
| ISO - 9001 Certification | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Represents a good manufacturer |
| ALI Certified | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Represents a good manufacturer |
| Buy America Models | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Buy America |
| Purchase Options | Multiple - Local Distribution, Gov & State Contracts, Box Stores, Catalogs, etc. | Multiple - Local Distribution, Gov & State Contracts, Box Stores, Catalogs, etc. | Multiple - Local Distribution, Gov & State Contracts, Box Stores, Catalogs, etc. | Multiple - Local Distribution, Gov & State Contracts, Box Stores, Catalogs, etc. | Multiple - Local Distribution, Gov & State Contracts | Multiple - Local Distribution, Gov & State Contracts | Multiple - Local Distribution, Gov & State Contracts, Box Stores, Catalogs, etc. | Multiple Purchase Paths |
| American Factory | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Buy America |
| Trained Installation / Service Network | Yes, 500 + Installers | Yes | Yes | Yes | Largest Service Network |
| Controls | | | | | | | | |
| Max Columns in a System | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 32 | 32 | 8 | More is Better, Combination |
| Max Columns in a Facility | Unlimited | 288 | 792 | 792 | 480 | 480 | 1920 | of Columns and Channels |
| Max Channels / Frequencies | N/A | 36 | 99 | 99 | 15 | 15 | 240 | |
| Displays Information at Column (Errors / Height / Weight / System ID) | Yes (Opt Weight) | Yes (Opt Weight) | Yes | Yes | Yes, Touch | Yes, Touch | Yes, Touch | |
| Pendant (corded) | Yes (optional) | Yes (optional) | No | No | No | No | Yes | Corded Operation |
| Remote Control | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | Cordless Remote Operation |
| Operational Remote & Post | No | No | No | No | No | No | No | Operator Preference |
| Process Required to Set Up 4 Column System from Off Position | 1 trip, cable connection and column Computer Boot | 1 Trip, wireless connect and circuit board boot per column | 1 Trip, wireless connect and circuit board boot per column | 1 Trip, wireless connect and circuit board boot per column | 3 Trips Around Vehicle, Wireless Connect, System ID, Touchscreen Boot, Verify System | 3 Trips Around Vehicle, Wireless Connect, System ID, Touchscreen Boot, Verify System | 1 Trip, wireless connect and circuit board boot per column | Save Time - EVERYTIME |
| Cycle Time at Rated Load (Full Rise / Lower) in seconds | 13K: 68 / 54 = 122 | 78 / 54 = 132 | 14K: 68 / 54 = 122 18.8K: 78 / 54 = 132 | 14K: 68 / 54 = 122 | 75 / ~54 = ~129 | 94 / ~70 = ~164 | 70 / 38 = 108 | Don't forget Set Up Times |
| Does System Remember Its Location Info? | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Resets | Resets | Yes | Who Wants to Repeat Themselves? |
| Synchronization Tolerance: When does System Notice Level Issues | 1" | 1" | 1" | 1" | 2" | 1" | 2" | Keeping the vehicle level is important |
| Tolerance for Lift Stop | 3.5" | 3.5" | 3.5" | 3.5" | 2.4" | 2.4" | 3" | ALI Requiation is 3.5" |
| Power Regeneration | No | No | No | No | No | Yes | No | Regeneration takes operator time (\$) as well |
| Moving Columns Column Movement | Spring & Brake System / Optional Pallet | Pallet | Pallet | Pallet | 2 Options for Moving Columns in a Shop |
| Column Movement - Wheels | Urethane/ Steel | Urethane/ Steel | Urethane/ Steel | Urethane/ Steel | Oil Impreg Nylon | Oil Impreg Nylon | Urethane/Alum | Steel Core will Last Longer |
| Forks / Adapters / Extensions | _ | _ | _ | | | | | |
| Rim Sizes Accommodated by Fork System | 9-24.5" 14" | 9-24.5" | 9-24.5" 14" | 9-24.5" 14" | 10-22.5" 14" | 10-22.5" 14" | 10-24.5" | Covers all Cars and Trucks |
| Standard Fork Length ALI Listed Optional Fork Lengths | N/A | 12" / 20" / 22" | 12" / 20" / 23" | 12" / 20" / 23" | 20 | 20 | 12" N/A | 14" Holds Super Single Longer Fork Lengths for Dual Tires |
| Clearance - Column to Vehicle | 12" | 12" | 12" | 12" | 10" | 10" | 10" | Further is Better |
| Safety Devices | | | | | | | | |
| Velocity Fuse on Cylinder | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | ALI Requirement |
| Lock Increments | 3" | 3" | 3" | 3" | 1.4" | 1.4" | 2.5" | ALI Requirement is 3.5" |
| 1st Lock Buttons Protection / Inadvertent Pressing | Yes | Yes | Yes. Pause Protect™ | Yes, Pause Protect™ | 5" Yes on movement, No on Touchscreen | 5" Yes on movement, No on Touchscreen | 6" In Lockout Mode on Touchscreen | Lowest Lock Position in the Industry ALI - Lift Movement Must Be Protected |
| Pressure Relief / Prevents Over Lifting | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | ALI Requirement |
| Hydraulics | | | | | | | | |
| Lifting Rod Protected Self Lubricating Cylinder Rod | Yes Yes | Yes Yes | Yes Yes | Yes Yes | Exposed No, Monthly | Exposed No, Monthly | Yes Yes | May Require Extra Maintenance Automatic is Better |
| Carriage | | | | | | | | |
| Roller Material | Steel | UHMW | Steel / UHMW | Steel / UHMW | UHMW | UHMW | Nyla Tron GSM | All of These Will Last a Long Time |
| Fully Encloses Cylinder Rod | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No No | Protected Lifting Rod |
| Adjustable Fork Set Up Std. | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Optional | Yes | Yes | Adjustable is Better - No Hunting for Adapters |
| Warranty | Parts / 2 yrs Labor / 1 yr | Parts / 2 yrs Labor / 1 yr | Parts / 2 yrs Labor / 1 yr | Parts / 2 yrs Labor / 1 yr | Parts / 2 yrs Labor / 1 yr | Parts / 2 yrs Labor / 1 yr | Parts / 1yr Labor / 1yr | Standard for the Industry Extended Options are Better |
| | Hydraulic cylinder / 5 yrs Rollers / Lifetime | Hydraulic cylinder / 5 yrs Rollers / Lifetime | Hydraulic cylinder / 5 yrs Rollers / Lifetime | Hydraulic cylinder / 5 yrs Rollers / Lifetime | Hydraulic cylinder / 5 yrs Rollers / Lifetime | Hydraulic cylinder / 5 yrs Rollers / Lifetime | N/A N/A | |
| | Extended warranties | Extended warranties | Extended warranties | Extended warranties | Extended warranties: Yes | Extended warranties: Yes | Unknown | |
| | available @ 3 & 5 years | | | | |