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**Grove GMK5250L-1 all-terrain crane installs the Vatican’s Christmas tree**

* *A Grove GMK5250L-1 all-terrain crane has installed an 8 t, 28 m tall spruce in Vatican City’s famous St. Peter’s Square in preparation for Christmas.*
* *This prestigious task was carried out by Italian Manitowoc customer I.B.A Cranes, which owns a fleet of more than 100 units, including 10 mobile cranes from Grove.*
* *The efficiency of the Grove GMK5250L-1 enabled I.B.A Cranes to accurately lift and position the Christmas tree with minimal disruption to the public.*
* *In general, the GMK5250L-1 offers impressive performance and flexibility, as well as logistical advantages due to its self-rigging auxiliary hoist and counterweight plates, which are interchangeable with other Grove all-terrain cranes.*

As the festive season begins, Italian rental company I.B.A Cranes has undertaken the important job of installing the Vatican’s main Christmas tree in St. Peter’s Square, using a Grove GMK5250L-1 all-terrain crane.

I.B.A Cranes chose the five-axle 250 t capacity mobile crane, which it received from Central and Southern Italian Grove dealer FIMI in December 2020, to complete this prestigious task for its convenient compact dimensions and efficient operation.

The Grove GMK5250L-1 has a 70 m, seven section main boom and TWIN-LOCK boom pinning system. In general, it offers impressive performance and flexibility, as well as logistical advantages due to its self-rigging auxiliary hoist and counterweight plates, which are interchangeable with other Grove all-terrain cranes.

“In this case, the application did not require any special configuration, as is necessary on construction sites – but the efficiency of the GMK5250L-1 all-terrain crane, together with its logistical advantages enabled us to lift and position the tree both quickly and accurately,” said Massimiliano Di Stefano, General Manager of I.B.A Cranes.

The 113-year-old tree, donated by the Sustainable Forest Authority of Trentino Alto Adige, is 28 m tall and weighs approximately 8 t. It was illuminated on December 10 and will remain in St. Peter’s Square until January 9, 2022.

Headquartered in Basciano, I.B.A Crane has specialized in transport and lifting solutions since 1968. Today, it operates a fleet of more than 100 units, including 10 Grove mobile cranes. Over the last decade, the Group has expanded into new markets, opening branches in Romania, Dubai and Abu Dhabi, where it is enjoying considerable success.

Visit the Manitowoc website to discover more about the [Grove GMK5250L-1 all-terrain crane](https://www.manitowoc.com/grove/all-terrain-cranes/gmk5250l-1).

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