

Seat Belt for Forklift

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline reason is to be able to explain the Regulation requirements for the use of operator seatbelts or restraints on forklifts. It is the employers' responsibility to make certain that every machinery, piece of equipment and tool within the workplace is selected and used rightly and worked according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Rough Terrain lift trucks have to meet the guidelines of ANSI Standard ASME B56.6-1992 with regards to their use, design, maintenance, inspection and fabrication.

Mobile equipment like side boom tractors with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), have to contain seat belts which meet the Society of Automotive Engineers safety requirements; Society of Automotive Engineers Standard J386 JUN93, Operator Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines. If whatever mobile equipment has seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers need to make certain they make use of the belts each time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation since this could cause the machinery to become unstable and therefore, unsafe.

When a seat belt or different driver restraint is required on a forklift.

While operating a forklift, the seat belt requirements will depend on some factors. Contributing factors to this determination may include whether the the forklift is outfitted along with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of lift truck itself and the year the forklift was actually manufactured. The manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

With regards to powered industrial lift trucks, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to a driver restraint device, system, or enclosure. A driver restraint device, system, or enclosure is intended to assist the driver in lowering the risk of entrapment of the torso and/or head between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The restraint device or system can comprise a seat belt, although a seat belt is not essentially a part of such equipment or system.