

Seat Belts for Forklift

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline reason is to describe the Regulation requirements for the utilization of operator seatbelts or restraints on lift trucks. It is the employers' liability to be able to make sure that each and every machinery, piece of equipment and device in the workplace is selected and used correctly and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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

Mobile equipment like for example side boom tractors with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), have to have 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 whichever mobile machine has seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers need to make sure they use the belts whenever the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation since this could cause the machinery to become unsteady and therefore, unsafe.

If a seat belt or various operator restraint is needed on a forklift.

While working a forklift, the seat belt requirements would depend on a number of factors. Contributing factors to this determination may include whether the the forklift is equipped along with a Rollover Protective Structure, the kind of lift truck itself and the year the lift truck was manufactured. The manufacturer's directions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

Referring to a driver restraint device, enclosure or system, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 with regards to powered industrial trucks, is intended to be able to assist the operator in lessening 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 could include a seat belt, while a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such equipment or system.