

Seat Belt for Forklifts

Forklift Seat Belts - Described in the Regulation guidelines are the utilization of seatbelts and operator restraints on lift trucks. It says that the accountability falls on the employers' to ensure that each and every machine, piece of equipment and tool is used properly used according to the directions of the manufacturer.

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

Mobile machinery such as side boom tractors with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), should 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 machinery includes seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers need to ensure they make use of the belts every time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this could cause the equipment to become unsteady and therefore, not safe.

When a seat belt or other driver restraint is needed on a forklift.

While operating a forklift, the seat belt requirements will depend on a number of factors. Contributing factors to this determination might include whether or not the the forklift is equipped with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of forklift itself and the year the lift truck was made. The manufacturer's directions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

With regards to to an operator restraint device, system or enclosure, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 regarding powered industrial trucks, is designed to assist the operator in lowering the danger of entrapment of the torso and/or head between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The system or restraint device can consist of a seat belt, though a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such machine or system.