

Seat Belt for Forklifts

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline reason is to describe the Regulation necessities for the use of driver restraints or seatbelts on lift trucks. It is the employers' responsibility to ensure that every machine, piece of equipment and device inside the workplace is selected and used properly and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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

Mobile machinery such as side boom tractors with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), should contain seat belts that 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 includes seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers must ensure they use the belts whenever the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this can cause the equipment to become unbalanced and hence, unsafe.

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

While working a forklift, the seat belt requirements will depend on some factors. Contributing factors to this determination might include whether the the forklift is outfitted together 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.

Referring to an operator restraint device, system or enclosure, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 in the case of powered industrial trucks, is intended to be able to assist the driver in lessening the chance of entrapment of the head and/or torso between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The restraint device or system can include a seat belt, although a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such equipment or system.