

Forklift Seat Belts

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

Rough Terrain forklifts need to meet the guidelines of ANSI Standard ASME B56.6-1992 regarding their design, maintenance, inspection, fabrication and use.

Mobile machinery such as side boom tractors along with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), ought to include 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 any mobile machinery has seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers ought to make sure they make use of the belts whenever the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this could cause the equipment to become unstable and thus, not safe.

When a seat belt or other operator restraint is required on a lift truck.

While working a forklift, the seat belt requirements will depend on some factors. Contributing factors to this determination might include whether or not the forklift is equipped with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of forklift 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 an operator restraint device, enclosure or system, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 in the case of powered industrial trucks, is intended to be able to assist the operator in reducing the risk of entrapment of the head and/or torso between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The system or restraint device might include a seat belt, while a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such equipment or system.