

Forklift Seat Belts

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline reason is to explain the Regulation necessities for the use of driver restraints or seatbelts on forklifts. It is the employers' accountability to ensure that each and every machine, piece of equipment and device in the workplace is selected and used properly and worked according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile equipment with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, should have seat belts that meet the requirements of the Society of Automotive Engineers, or SAE, Standard J386 JUN93, Operator Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines. If whichever mobile machinery includes seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers ought to ensure they utilize the belts every time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this could cause the machine to become unbalanced and thus, unsafe.

If a seat belt or various driver restraint is required on a lift truck.

While operating a lift truck, the seat belt requirements would depend on some factors. Contributing factors to this determination may include whether or not the the forklift is equipped together with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of lift truck itself and the year the lift truck was manufactured. The manufacturer's instructions 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 regarding powered industrial trucks, is designed to be able to help the operator in lowering the possibility 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 include a seat belt, while a seat belt is not essentially a part of such device or system.