

Forklift Seat Belts

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline purpose is to be able to explain the Regulation necessities for the application of driver seatbelts or restraints on forklifts. It is the employers' liability to make sure that every machine, piece of equipment and tool in the workplace is selected and used rightly and operated according to the manufacturer's directions.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile equipment along with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, need to include seat belts which 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 machine has seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers should make sure they use the belts each time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation in view of the fact that this can cause the machinery to become unsteady and hence, unsafe.

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

The seat belt requirements while operating a forklift depend on different factors. Whether or not the lift truck is equipped along with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of forklift itself and the year the forklift was actually manufactured all add to this determination. The manufacturer's directions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

With regards to to an operator restraint device, enclosure or system, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 in the case of powered industrial trucks, is designed to be able to help the driver in lessening the probability 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 may include a seat belt, though a seat belt is not essentially a part of such equipment or system.