

Forklift Seat Belts

Forklift Seat Belts - Described in the Regulation guidelines are the application of operative restraints and seatbelts on lift trucks. It says that the responsibility falls on the employers' to be able to ensure that every machine, piece of equipment and device is used correctly utilized in accordance to the directions of the manufacturer.

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

Mobile machines like for example side boom tractors with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), must have 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 any mobile equipment has seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers must ensure they use the belts each time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation because this can cause the machinery to become unbalanced and thus, not safe.

When a seat belt or different driver restraint is required on a lift truck.

While operating a forklift, the seat belt requirements will depend on a number of factors. Contributing factors to this determination may include whether the the forklift is outfitted along with a Rollover Protective Structure, the kind of lift truck itself and the year the forklift was made. The manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

In the case of powered industrial trucks, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to an operator restraint device, system, or enclosure. An operator restraint device, system, or enclosure is designed to aid the driver in lowering the probability 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 might include a seat belt, though a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such device or system.