

Forklift Seat Belts

Forklift Seat Belts - Described in the Regulation guidelines are the use of operative restraints and seatbelts on forklifts. It states that the liability falls on the employers' to make sure that each machine, piece of equipment and tool is used rightly utilized in accordance to the instructions of the producer.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile machinery along with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, have to contain seat belts that satisfy the requirements of the Society of Automotive Engineers, or SAE, 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 need to ensure they make use of the belts each time the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this could cause the equipment to become unbalanced and thus, not safe.

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

While operating a lift truck, the seat belt requirements will depend on some factors. Contributing factors to this determination may include whether or not the lift truck is outfitted with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of forklift itself and the year the lift truck was actually manufactured. The manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

With regards to to an operator restraint device, system or enclosure, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 regarding powered industrial trucks, is intended to help the driver in reducing 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 may comprise a seat belt, although a seat belt is not essentially a part of such device or system.