

Forklift Seat Belts

Forklift Seat Belts - Described in the Regulation guidelines are the utilization of operative restraints and seatbelts on lift trucks. It says that the responsibility falls on the employers' to make sure that each machine, piece of equipment and tool is utilized correctly used in accordance to the instructions of the producer.

Regarding their design, maintenance, inspection, fabrication and use Rough Terrain lift trucks have to meet 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, 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 any mobile equipment has seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers ought to ensure they utilize the belts every time the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this could cause the machinery to become unbalanced and therefore, unsafe.

If a seat belt or various operator restraint is needed on a forklift.

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

Referring 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 aid the driver in lessening the possibility 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 can include a seat belt, even if a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such device or system.