

## Seat Belts for Forklift

Forklift Seat Belts - Described in the Regulation guidelines are the application of seatbelts and operator restraints on lift trucks. It states that the accountability falls on the employers' to ensure that each machinery, piece of equipment and device is utilized properly used according to the directions of the producer.

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

Mobile equipment such as side boom tractors along with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), ought to contain 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 machinery has seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers need to make sure they utilize the belts each time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation since this can cause the equipment to become unsteady and therefore, not safe.

If a seat belt or other driver restraint is required on a forklift.

While operating a lift truck, the seat belt requirements will depend on several 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 forklift was actually made. The manufacturer's directions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

With regards to powered industrial forklifts, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to an operator restraint device, system, or enclosure. An operator restraint device, system, or enclosure is intended to help the operator in lowering the risk of entrapment of the torso and/or head between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The system or restraint device might consist of a seat belt, even if a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such device or system.