

Seat Belt for Forklifts

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline purpose is to be able to explain the Regulation necessities for the utilization of operator restraints or seatbelts on forklifts. It is the employers' liability to make certain that each and every machine, piece of equipment and device within the workplace is chosen and used properly and worked in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile equipment with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, need to contain 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 whatever mobile equipment has seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers have to make sure they use the belts every time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this could cause the machine to become unstable and therefore, unsafe.

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

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

Referring to a driver restraint device, system or enclosure, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 in the case of powered industrial trucks, is intended to be able to aid the operator 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 could include a seat belt, although a seat belt is not essentially a part of such equipment or system.