

Forklift Seat Belts

Seat Belts for Forklift - Explained in the Regulation guidelines are the use of operative restraints and seatbelts on forklifts. It says that the liability falls on the employers' to make sure that each and every machinery, piece of equipment and device is used rightly used according to the instructions of the manufacturer.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile machine along with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, must have seat belts which 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 equipment includes seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers need to ensure they make use of the belts each time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation because this could cause the equipment to become unsteady and thus, unsafe.

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

The seat belt requirements while operating a forklift depend on different factors. Whether the lift truck is outfitted with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of lift truck itself and the year the forklift was manufactured all contribute to this determination. The manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

With regards to to a driver restraint device, enclosure or system, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 with regards to powered industrial trucks, is intended to be able to aid the operator in reducing the risk of entrapment of the head and/or torso between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The restraint device or system could comprise a seat belt, even if a seat belt is not essentially a part of such device or system.