

Seat Belts for Forklift

Seat Belts for Forklift - This guideline purpose is to explain the Regulation requirements for the application of driver restraints or seatbelts on forklifts. It is the employers' liability to be able to make sure that each and every machine, piece of equipment and tool within the workplace is chosen and utilized correctly and worked in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Rough Terrain lift trucks have 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 along with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, should contain 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 whatever mobile machine has seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers should make sure they make use of the belts every time the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation because this can cause the equipment to become unsteady and hence, not safe.

When a seat belt or other operator restraint is required on a forklift.

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

In the case of powered industrial lift trucks, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to a driver restraint device, system, or enclosure. An operator restraint device, system, or enclosure is intended to aid the operator in lessening 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 might consist of a seat belt, though a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such device or system.