

## Forklift Seat Belts

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline reason is to be able to describe the Regulation necessities for the application of operator seatbelts or restraints on lift trucks. It is the employers' liability to make sure that every machine, piece of equipment and tool within the workplace is chosen and utilized correctly and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile machinery together with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, must have 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 any mobile machinery 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 since this can cause the machinery to become unsteady and thus, unsafe.

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

The seat belt requirements while working a lift truck depend on different factors. Whether or not the lift truck is equipped with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of lift truck itself and the year the forklift was made all contribute to this determination. The manufacturer's directions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

With regards to to an operator restraint device, system or enclosure, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 regarding powered industrial trucks, is intended to be able to aid the operator in reducing the danger 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 might comprise a seat belt, while a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such equipment or system.