

## Forklift Seat Belts

Forklift Seat Belts - Explained in the Regulation guidelines are the application of operative restraints and seatbelts on forklifts. It states that the responsibility falls on the employers' to be able to make sure that each and every machine, piece of equipment and device is used properly used in accordance to the instructions of the manufacturer.

Regarding their use, design, maintenance, inspection and fabrication Rough Terrain lift trucks should satisfy the regulations of ANSI Standard ASME B56.6-1992.

Mobile machinery such as side boom tractors along with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), must include 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 machine includes seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers must make certain they utilize the belts every time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation because this can cause the machinery to become unsteady and hence, not safe.

When a seat belt or various driver restraint is needed on a lift truck.

The seat belt requirements while working a forklift depend on various factors. Whether or not the forklift is outfitted together with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of forklift 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.

In the case of powered industrial lift trucks, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to a driver restraint device, enclosure or system. An operator restraint device, enclosure or system is designed to help the operator in lowering the probability of entrapment of the head and/or torso between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The system or restraint device may include a seat belt, although a seat belt is not essentially a part of such device or system.