

## Forklift Seat Belts

Forklift Seat Belts - Described in the Regulation guidelines are the use of seatbelts and operator restraints on forklifts. It states that the liability falls on the employers' to be able to make certain that each and every machinery, piece of equipment and tool is utilized correctly used in accordance to the directions of the maker.

Rough Terrain forklifts need to meet the regulations of ANSI Standard ASME B56.6-1992 in regards to their design, maintenance, inspection, fabrication and use.

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

If a seat belt or different driver restraint is required on a forklift.

While working a lift truck, the seat belt requirements would depend on some factors. Contributing factors to this determination might include whether the the forklift is equipped together with a Rollover Protective Structure, the kind of forklift itself and the year the forklift was actually manufactured. The manufacturer's directions 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 regarding powered industrial trucks, is designed to be able to help the operator in reducing the possibility 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 can comprise a seat belt, though a seat belt is not essentially a part of such machine or system.