

## Seat Belt for Forklifts

Forklift Seat Belts - Explained in the Regulation guidelines are the application of seatbelts and operator restraints on forklifts. It says that the responsibility falls on the employers' to be able to make certain that each and every machinery, piece of equipment and device is used correctly used in accordance to the directions of the producer.

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

Mobile equipment like for instance side boom tractors together with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), should 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 whatever mobile equipment includes seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers have to make sure they use the belts whenever the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this could cause the machine to become unbalanced and hence, not safe.

If a seat belt or other driver restraint is needed on a forklift.

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

With regards to powered industrial forklifts, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to an operator restraint device, enclosure or system. An operator restraint device, system, or enclosure is designed to be able to help the driver in lessening 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 comprise a seat belt, although a seat belt is not essentially a part of such machine or system.