

## Forklift Seat Belts

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

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

Side boom tractors and mobile machine with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, have to include 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 whichever mobile equipment includes seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers must make certain they make use of the belts every time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation since this could cause the machine to become unbalanced and therefore, not safe.

When a seat belt or various operator restraint is required on a lift truck.

While operating a lift truck, the seat belt requirements would depend on some factors. Contributing factors to this determination might include whether or not the the forklift is equipped together with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of lift truck itself and the year the forklift was actually manufactured. The manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

In the case of powered industrial trucks, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to a driver restraint device, enclosure or system. A driver restraint device, system, or enclosure is intended so as 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 could comprise a seat belt, while a seat belt is not essentially a part of such machine or system.