

## Forklift Seat Belt

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline reason is to be able to describe the Regulation requirements for the use of operator restraints or seatbelts on forklifts. It is the employers' responsibility to make sure that every machinery, piece of equipment and device inside the workplace is selected and used correctly and worked according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Rough Terrain forklifts must meet the regulations of ANSI Standard ASME B56.6-1992 regarding their fabrication, use, design, maintenance and inspection.

Side boom tractors and mobile machine together with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, should include 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 machinery includes seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers must make certain they use the belts every time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation for the reason that this can cause the machine to become unbalanced and hence, not safe.

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

While working a forklift, the seat belt requirements will depend on some factors. Contributing factors to this determination might include whether the the lift truck is equipped along with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of forklift itself and the year the lift truck was actually manufactured. The manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

With regards to to a driver restraint device, system or enclosure, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 with regards to powered industrial trucks, 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 can comprise a seat belt, although a seat belt is not essentially a part of such machine or system.