

## Forklift Alternators

Forklift Alternators - A machine utilized in order to transform mechanical energy into electric energy is referred to as an alternator. It can perform this function in the form of an electrical current. An AC electrical generator can basically also be termed an alternator. Nevertheless, the word is normally utilized to refer to a small, rotating device powered by internal combustion engines. Alternators that are placed in power stations and are powered by steam turbines are called turbo-alternators. The majority of these machines use a rotating magnetic field but every now and then linear alternators are utilized.

A current is produced in the conductor when the magnetic field surrounding the conductor changes. Normally the rotor, a rotating magnet, spins within a set of stationary conductors wound in coils. The coils are located on an iron core referred to as the stator. If the field cuts across the conductors, an induced electromagnetic field also called EMF is generated as the mechanical input makes the rotor to turn. This rotating magnetic field produces an AC voltage in the stator windings. Normally, there are 3 sets of stator windings. These physically offset so that the rotating magnetic field induces 3 phase currents, displaced by one-third of a period with respect to each other.

"Brushless" alternators - these use slip rings and brushes together with a rotor winding or a permanent magnet to be able to produce a magnetic field of current. Brushless AC generators are most often located in bigger machines such as industrial sized lifting equipment. A rotor magnetic field may be generated by a stationary field winding with moving poles in the rotor. Automotive alternators often utilize a rotor winding that allows control of the voltage generated by the alternator. This is done by changing the current in the rotor field winding. Permanent magnet machines avoid the loss due to the magnetizing current within the rotor. These machines are limited in size because of the cost of the magnet material. The terminal voltage varies with the speed of the generator as the permanent magnet field is constant.