

## **Seat Belts for Forklift**

Seat Belts for Forklift - Explained in the Regulation guidelines are the use of seatbelts and operator restraints on lift trucks. It states that the accountability falls on the employers' to be able to make sure that each machine, piece of equipment and tool is utilized correctly utilized according to the instructions of the maker.

Regarding their use, design, maintenance, inspection and fabrication Rough Terrain lift trucks need to satisfy the guidelines of ANSI Standard ASME B56.6-1992.

Side boom tractors and mobile equipment with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, need to include seat belts that meet the requirements of the Society of Automotive Engineers, or SAE, Standard J386 JUN93, Operator Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines. If any mobile equipment has seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers have to ensure they make use of the belts whenever the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation because this can cause the machinery to become unbalanced and hence, not safe.

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

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

Referring to an operator restraint device, system or enclosure, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 with regards to powered industrial trucks, is intended to help the operator in reducing 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 might comprise a seat belt, even if a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such machine or system.