## **Forklift Seat Belts**

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline purpose is to be able to describe the Regulation requirements for the application of operator seatbelts or restraints on forklifts. It is the employers' accountability to be able to make sure that each and every machine, piece of equipment and tool inside the workplace is selected and utilized correctly and worked in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

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

Mobile machines like for instance side boom tractors with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), have to have seat belts which meet the Society of Automotive Engineers safety requirements; Society of Automotive Engineers Standard J386 JUN93, Operator Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines. If whichever mobile equipment has seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers must ensure they use the belts each time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this could cause the machinery to become unsteady and hence, unsafe.

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

The seat belt requirements while operating a forklift depend on different factors. Whether the lift truck is equipped together with a Rollover Protective Structure, the kind of forklift itself and the year the forklift was made all contribute to this determination. The manufacturer's directions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

In the case of powered industrial forklifts, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to an operator restraint device, enclosure or system. A driver restraint device, enclosure or system is designed in order to help the driver in lessening the chance of entrapment of the torso and/or head between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The system or restraint device could include a seat belt, though a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such machine or system.