

Forklift Seat Belt

Seat Belt for Forklifts - This guideline purpose is to describe the Regulation requirements for the utilization of driver seatbelts or restraints on forklifts. It is the employers' liability to ensure that each machine, piece of equipment and device within the workplace is chosen and used properly and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile equipment with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, should include seat belts that satisfy the requirements of the Society of Automotive Engineers, or SAE, Standard J386 JUN93, Operator Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines. If whichever mobile machine has seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers must ensure they make use of the belts every time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation because this could cause the machinery to become unsteady and therefore, unsafe.

If a seat belt or various driver restraint is required on a forklift.

While working a forklift, the seat belt requirements would depend on a number of factors. Contributing factors to this determination might include whether or not the the forklift is equipped along with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of forklift itself and the year the lift truck was actually made. 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 in the case of powered industrial trucks, is designed to aid the driver in lowering the probability 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, while a seat belt is not essentially a part of such equipment or system.