## **Forklift Seat Belts**

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline reason is to describe the Regulation requirements for the application of operator seatbelts or restraints on lift trucks. It is the employers' accountability to be able to make sure that every machine, piece of equipment and device within the workplace is selected and used correctly and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

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

Mobile machinery like for instance side boom tractors with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), ought to include 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 whatever mobile equipment has seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers have to make sure they make use of the belts every time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation since this could cause the equipment to become unsteady and hence, not safe.

When a seat belt or other operator restraint is required on a forklift.

The seat belt requirements while operating a forklift depend on different factors. Whether or not the forklift is equipped together with a Rollover Protective Structure, the kind of forklift itself and the year the forklift was actually made all add to this determination. The manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

Referring to a driver restraint device, system or enclosure, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 regarding powered industrial trucks, is designed to assist 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 may comprise a seat belt, although a seat belt is not essentially a part of such equipment or system.