## **Forklift Seat Belts**

Forklift Seat Belt - This guideline purpose is to describe the Regulation necessities for the application of operator seatbelts or restraints on forklifts. It is the employers' liability to be able to ensure that each machine, piece of equipment and tool inside the workplace is chosen and utilized properly and worked in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile equipment together with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, must have seat belts which satisfy the requirements of the Society of Automotive Engineers, or SAE, Standard J386 JUN93, Operator Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines. If whatever mobile machine includes seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers have to ensure they make use of the belts every time the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this can cause the equipment to become unstable and therefore, unsafe.

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

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

In the case of powered industrial trucks, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to a driver restraint device, enclosure or system. An operator restraint device, system, or enclosure is intended in order to aid the driver in lessening the possibility of entrapment of the head and/or torso between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The restraint device or system might consist of a seat belt, even though a seat belt is not essentially a part of such device or system.