## **Forklift Seat Belts**

Forklift Seat Belts - This guideline reason is to be able to describe the Regulation necessities for the utilization of driver seatbelts or restraints on lift trucks. It is the employers' responsibility to make sure that every machinery, piece of equipment and tool within the workplace is selected and used correctly and worked according to the manufacturer's directions.

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

Mobile machines such as side boom tractors along with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), need to have seat belts that 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 machine has seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers need to make certain they utilize the belts whenever the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this can cause the machinery to become unbalanced and therefore, unsafe.

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

While operating a lift truck, the seat belt requirements will depend on a number of factors. Contributing factors to this determination may include whether or not the the lift truck is equipped along with a Rollover Protective Structure, the kind of lift truck itself and the year the forklift was actually made. The manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

With regards to powered industrial trucks, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to an operator restraint device, system, or enclosure. An operator restraint device, enclosure or system is intended so as to help 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 restraint device or system can include a seat belt, while a seat belt is not essentially a part of such device or system.