

## Forklift Fork Extensions

Forklift Fork Extensions - Lift truck extensions are a good option when you find you have to reach further than your typical lift truck will allow. Furthermore, if you find that a load exceeds more than you can safely pick up on your forklift, an extension can help you do your job safely.

### Increasing Lift Truck Efficiency

Forklift extensions provide the added capacity and support required whenever picking up long pallets, containers or very heavy loads. In addition, the extensions add more length to the forks that enables the one operating it to reach increased distances. Utilizing lift truck extensions really saves a company the requirement to buy separate equipment to be able to finish the task. This can save possibly thousands of dollars while adding more productivity and efficiency choices utilizing the equipment you already have.

Numerous extensions just slip over the standard forklift forks. Extensions could be obtained in order to fit forks which have widths of 4, 5 and 6 inches. It is important to measure your extensions to be able to obtain a correct fit. Knowing that extensions have an inside width that is half an inch wider than the size stated is paramount to making sure the accurate fit. Whenever buying your extension size, be sure it is equivalent to your fork's width. For example, if you have forks which are 6 inches wide, you will utilize an extension that is six inches wide.

### OSHA Standards

OSHA standards for safety have a guideline length for fork extensions. Based on this particular regulation, blade extensions cannot be longer than 50 percent of the actual fork length. Following those rules will help to sustain a safe operation. A yellow powder coat finish is added to the metal forklift extensions so as to avoid corrosion. The two most common measurements for lift truck extensions in the industry are 60" and 72", even though, other lengths are existing.

### Securing Mechanism

There are two individual securing mechanisms available. The first choice secures the extensions onto the forklift with one pull pin. The next and safer option is the safety loop which is welded on and offers a more secure attachment of the extension. The lift truck extensions are available either non-tapered or tapered for nearly all pallet and container loads. Triangular extensions are used whenever transporting cylinder loads.

### Cylinder Loads

Loads which comprise pipes, drums or coils are considered to be cylinder loads. Extensions for cylinder loads are also made of steel. They are designed to fit blades up to 2" thick and that are 4" to 5" in width. Fixed in place with a locking bar, they slip on and off easily. Triangular extensions differ in length from fifty four to sixty inches.

### Safety Measures

Safety precautions should be utilized whenever utilizing any industrial tool or equipment and lift truck extensions are no different. Checking your forklift extensions before utilizing them is a very good habit to get into. After placing an extension onto the lift truck, the attaching device should be double checked. Physical injury or damage to the load could take place if the extensions were to become unfastened and fall off. Following OSHA regulations will likewise help to guarantee the safety of the person operating it and individuals working in close proximity.