Forklift Seat Belts

Forklift Seat Belts - Described in the Regulation guidelines are the application of operative restraints and seatbelts on lift trucks. It states that the responsibility falls on the employers' to make sure that every machine, piece of equipment and tool is used correctly utilized according to the directions of the maker.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile equipment with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, should have 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 any mobile machinery includes seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers ought to ensure they use the belts whenever the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation in view of the fact that this could cause the machinery to become unstable and thus, not safe.

If a seat belt or other operator restraint is needed on a lift truck.

The seat belt requirements while working a lift truck depend on various factors. Whether or not the lift truck is outfitted together with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of lift truck itself and the year the forklift was manufactured all contribute to this determination. 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, enclosure or system. A driver restraint device, system, or enclosure is designed in order to help the operator in reducing the possibility 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 comprise a seat belt, though a seat belt is not essentially a part of such machine or system.