## **Forklift Seat Belts**

Forklift Seat Belt - Described in the Regulation guidelines are the utilization of operative restraints and seatbelts on lift trucks. It states that the responsibility falls on the employers' to make sure that each and every machine, piece of equipment and device is used rightly utilized in accordance to the instructions of the producer.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile machinery along with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, have to include seat belts which meet the requirements of the Society of Automotive Engineers, or SAE, Standard J386 JUN93, Operator Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines. If whichever mobile machine has seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers must ensure they utilize the belts whenever the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation because this could cause the machine to become unsteady and hence, not safe.

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

While operating a forklift, the seat belt requirements would depend on some factors. Contributing factors to this determination might include whether or not the the forklift is outfitted with a Rollover Protective Structure, the kind of forklift itself and the year the lift truck was manufactured. The manufacturer's instructions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

In the case of powered industrial lift trucks, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 refers to a driver restraint device, system, or enclosure. An operator restraint device, enclosure or system is intended to be able to assist the operator 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 system or restraint device might comprise a seat belt, even if a seat belt is not essentially a part of such device or system.