

## Seat Belts

This guideline reason is to be able to explain the Regulation necessities for the application of operator restraints or seatbelts on lift trucks. It is the employers' liability to ensure that every machinery, piece of equipment and device in the workplace is selected and utilized rightly and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

Rough Terrain forklifts ought to meet the regulations of ANSI Standard ASME B56.6-1992 regarding their maintenance, inspection, fabrication, use and design.

Mobile equipment like for example side boom tractors along with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), ought to include seat belts which meet the Society of Automotive Engineers safety requirements; Society of Automotive Engineers Standard J386 JUN93, Operator Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines. If any mobile machinery has seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers need to make sure they use the belts whenever the motor vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation for the reason that this can cause the machine to become unsteady and thus, not safe.

If a seat belt or different driver restraint is needed on a forklift.

The seat belt requirements while operating a lift truck depend on different factors. Whether the forklift is equipped together with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of forklift itself and the year the forklift was actually made all contribute to this determination. The manufacturer's directions 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 a driver restraint device, system, or enclosure. A driver restraint device, system, or enclosure is designed to be able to help the operator in lowering the danger 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 might comprise a seat belt, even though a seat belt is not necessarily a part of such machine or system.