

Seat Belts

This guideline reason is to be able to describe the Regulation requirements for the utilization of operator restraints or seatbelts on lift trucks. It is the employers' accountability to make sure that each and every machinery, piece of equipment and device within the workplace is chosen and used correctly and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Rough Terrain lift trucks must meet the guidelines of ANSI Standard ASME B56.6-1992 regarding their maintenance, inspection, fabrication, use and design.

Mobile equipment such as side boom tractors together with a Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), should contain 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 equipment includes seat belts required by law, the driver and subsequent passengers should ensure they use the belts each time the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation for the reason that this can cause the equipment to become unsteady and therefore, not safe.

When a seat belt or other 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 with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of forklift itself and the year the forklift was actually manufactured all contribute to this determination. The manufacturer's directions 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. A driver restraint device, enclosure or system is designed to aid the driver in lessening the chance 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 include a seat belt, although a seat belt is not essentially a part of such equipment or system.