Seat Belts for Forklift

Forklift Seat Belts - Explained in the Regulation guidelines are the use of operative restraints and seatbelts on forklifts. It says that the responsibility falls on the employers' to make sure that every machinery, piece of equipment and device is used correctly used according to the instructions of the producer.

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

Side boom tractors and mobile equipment with a Rollover Protective Structure, or ROPS for short, have to include seat belts which satisfy the requirements of the Society of Automotive Engineers, or SAE, Standard J386 JUN93, Operator Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines. If whichever mobile equipment has seat belts required by law, the operator and subsequent passengers must make certain they use the belts whenever the vehicle is in motion or engaged in operation as this can cause the machinery to become unsteady and thus, not safe.

If a seat belt or various operator restraint is required on a lift truck.

While working a lift truck, the seat belt requirements would depend on a number of factors. Contributing factors to this determination might include whether or not the the lift truck is equipped along with a Rollover Protective Structure, the type of lift truck itself and the year the lift truck was actually manufactured. The manufacturer's directions and the requirements of the applicable standard are referenced in the Regulation.

Referring to an operator restraint device, system or enclosure, ANSI Standard ASME B56.1-1993 in the case of powered industrial trucks, is intended to be able to assist the operator in reducing the chance of entrapment of the torso and/or head between the truck and the ground in the event of a tip over. The restraint device or system might include a seat belt, while a seat belt is not essentially a part of such machine or system.