

## Fork Extension for Forklifts

Forklift Fork Extensions - Lift Truck extensions are a terrific option whenever there is a need to reach further than your existing forks would allow. In several cases whenever you have a load that exceeds more than could be safely picked up on your lift truck, an extension could help you execute your job safely.

### Increasing Forklift Productivity

Forklift extensions provide the extra capacity and support required whenever lifting long pallets, containers or very heavy loads. What's more, the extensions add more length to the forks which enables the operator to reach increased distances. Utilizing forklift extensions saves a company the requirement to purchase separate equipment so as to do the task. This could save possibly thousands of dollars while adding more productivity and efficiency choices utilizing the machine you already have.

A lot of the fork extensions would simply slip overtop of the lift truck blades. Extensions could be obtained in order to fit blades with widths from four to six inches. It is very vital that you measure the extensions to be sure of a correct fit. Knowing that extensions have an inside width that is half an inch wider as opposed to the size stated is vital to making sure the exact fit. Whenever acquiring your extension size, be sure it is equal to your fork's width. For instance, if you have forks which are six inches wide, you would utilize an extension which is six inches wide.

### OSHA Standards

OSHA standards for safety have a regulation length for blade extensions. Based on this particular regulation, fork extensions cannot be longer than 50 percent of the actual fork length. Abiding by these rules would help to maintain a safe operation. A yellow powder coat finish is added to the steel forklift extensions so as to prevent rust. The two most popular dimensions for forklift extensions in the industry are 60" and 72", even if, other lengths are obtainable.

### Securing Mechanism

Securing mechanisms are accessible in two options. The first option secures the extensions onto the forklift with one pull pin. This is the rapid release method. The next and safer alternative is the safety loop which is welded on and provides a more dependable attachment of the extension. The forklift extensions are obtainable either tapered or non-tapered for most container and pallet loads. Triangular extensions are utilized whenever transporting cylinder loads.

### Cylinder Loads

Cylinder loads consist of pipes, coils or drums. The extensions made to fit cylinder loads are usually constructed of steel and could be made to fit blades up to 2" thick and are 4" to 5" in width. Attached in place using a locking bar, they slip off and on effortlessly. Triangular extensions range in length from 54" to 60".

### Safety Measures

It is at all times a good plan to use safety measures whenever dealing with any type of industrial equipment and lift truck extensions are no different. Inspecting your lift truck extensions prior to utilizing it is likewise a good habit to get into. When the extensions have been placed onto the lift truck, the attaching mechanism should be double checked as well. Physical injury or destruction to the load can take place if the extensions were to become loose and fall off. Following OSHA regulations would likewise help so as to ensure the safety of the individual operating it as well as people working nearby.