# **Forklift Fork Extension**

Forklift Fork Extensions - Lift Truck extensions are a terrific option when there is a need to reach further than your current forks will allow. In several circumstances whenever you have a load which exceeds more than could be securely lifted on your lift truck, an extension could help you carry out your job safely.

## Increasing Lift Truck Productivity

Extensions will offer extra support and capacity to the forklift whenever moving or lifting pallets, containers, or extremely heavy loads. What's more, the extensions will add more length to the current blades enabling the operator to reach farther than before. Utilizing lift truck extensions saves a business the need to purchase individual equipment in order to complete the task. This can save probably thousands of dollars while adding more efficiency and productivity alternatives using the machine you already have.

A lot of the fork extensions would just slip overtop of the lift truck forks. Extensions could be acquired 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 proper fit. Knowing that extensions have an inside width that is half an inch wider than the size stated is vital to ensuring the correct fit. When buying your extension size, be certain it is equivalent to your fork's width. For example, if you have forks that are 6 inches wide, you will utilize an extension that is 6 inches wide.

### **OSHA Standards**

OSHA standards for safety have a regulation length for fork extensions. Based on this particular regulation, fork extensions cannot be longer than fifty percent of the original fork length. Abiding by those rules will help to sustain a safe operation. A yellow powder coat finish is added to the steel lift truck extensions to avoid corrosion. The two most popular measurements for lift truck extensions in the business are sixty inches and seventy two inches, even though, various lengths are obtainable.

#### Securing Mechanism

There are two separate securing systems existing. The first choice secures the extensions onto the lift truck with one pull pin. The second and safer choice is the safety loop which is welded on and offers a more secure attachment of the extension. The forklift extensions are presented either tapered or non-tapered for most container and pallet loads. Triangular extensions are used whenever transferring cylinder loads.

## Cylinder Loads

Cylinder loads have coils drums or pipes. The extensions made to fit cylinder loads are typically constructed of steel and could be made to fit blades up to 2" thick and are 4" to 5" in width. Fixed in place with a locking bar, they slide off and on effortlessly. Triangular extensions range in length from fifty four to sixty inches.

# Safety Measures

Safety measures must be utilized whenever utilizing whatever industrial tool or machinery and lift truck extensions are no different. Inspecting your forklift extensions before using them is a very great practice to get into. Right after placing an extension onto the lift truck, the attaching device should be inspected. Personal injury or damage to the load can take place if the extensions were to become loose and fall off. Following OSHA regulations will likewise help to guarantee the safety of the operator as well as individuals working nearby.