

## Forklift Fork Extensions

Forklift Fork Extensions - Forklift extensions are an excellent alternative whenever there is a need to reach further than your current blades would allow. In some situations when you have a load which exceeds more than can be securely picked up on your lift truck, an extension can help you do your job safely.

### Increasing Lift Truck Efficiency

Extensions will offer added support and capacity to the lift truck when moving or lifting pallets, containers, or really heavy loads. Moreover, the extensions will add more length to the existing blades enabling the individual operating it to be able to reach further than before. Utilizing lift truck extensions truly saves a company the requirement to acquire individual machinery so as to do the task. This can save possibly thousands of dollars while adding more productivity and efficiency options utilizing the equipment you already have.

Many of the fork extensions will just slip overtop of the lift truck blades. Extensions could be bought to fit forks with widths from 4-6 inches. It is very important that you measure the extensions to be certain of a right fit. Knowing that extensions have an inside width which is half an inch wider compared to the size stated is paramount to ensuring the exact fit. Whenever obtaining your extension size, make sure it is equivalent to your fork's width. For example, if you have forks which are six inches wide, you would make use of an extension that 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. Following these rules will help to maintain a safe operation. A yellow powder coat finish is added to the steel lift truck extensions to be able to avoid corrosion. The two most common measurements for forklift extensions in the industry are 60" and 72", even though, various lengths are offered.

### Securing Mechanism

There are two individual securing mechanisms existing. The first option connects the extensions onto the forklift with one pull pin. The second and safer choice is the safety loop which is welded on and offers a more dependable attachment of the extension. The forklift extensions are existing either tapered or non-tapered for the majority of pallet and container loads. Triangular extensions are utilized whenever transporting cylinder loads.

### Cylinder Loads

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

### Safety Measures

Safety precautions must be used whenever using any industrial tool or equipment and lift truck extensions are no different. Checking your lift truck extensions prior to using them is a very good routine to get into. After placing an extension onto the lift truck, the attaching device must be inspected. Personal injury or destruction to the load could occur if the extensions were to become unfastened and fall off. Adhering OSHA regulations would also help in order to guarantee the safety of the person operating it and those working in close proximity.