

Rough Terrain Forklifts

There are in fact two classifications of forklifts within the production industry, the rough terrain model and the industrial version. Rough terrain forklifts appeared in the 1940's intended primarily for use on rough surfaces, perfect for lumberyards and construction sites, providing lifting power when there was no paved surface available.

Typically, nearly all rough terrain lift trucks are run on a propane, diesel or gas driven internal combustion engines with a battery used for power. Several manufacturers are experimenting with rough ground lift trucks that consume vegetable matter and run from ethanol. Huge pneumatic tires with deep treads distinguish these vehicles to permit them to grasp onto the roughest soil type without any slippage or drifting.

The most primitive designs of all terrain forklifts were able to carry weights of up to 1000 lbs, using blades that could slide beneath the item, raise it a tiny bit and then move it to another location. After a decade on the market, rough terrain forklifts had been given supplementary carrying power to about 2000 lbs capacity. In the 1960's telescoping booms were added, permitting them to stack supplies a good deal higher than in preceding years. The telescoping model characteristic is a staple of nearly all rough terrain lift trucks today. Present versions are capable of managing well over 4000 lbs due to the constant improvements through the years. Telescoping capability has additionally improved with some versions reaching a height of 35 feet. Operator safety has also become a focus with several all terrain forklifts now designed are equipped with an enclosed cab for the driver, versus the older open air seating capacity.

The rough terrain lift trucks offered today work equally as well on covered floors as on unpaved roads. These rough terrain lift trucks are being marketed for their versatility permitting companies to transfer items from outside the plant to the inside or vice versa.