INTRODUCTION

The safety of forklift trucks has been a concern throughout the twentieth century. Early problems included forklift instability on both rough and smooth surfaces, battery explosions, and lack of falling object protection and operator restraints. To these issues, have been added concerns over the health effects of forklift emissions, demand for ergonomic design of operator stations and controls, and the need to train lift truck operators to work safely in the narrow aisles of today's fast-moving, space-conserving warehouses and loading docks.

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