

Extension Booms

Usually, we view forklifts as industrial equipment used to be able to lift and move pallets. Nonetheless, there are extensions presented to give the forklift more length and strength for heavier loads. By utilizing one of the four major lift truck booms, your forklift could be helpful for various other applications. The four major forklift booms are the coil boom, the pipe boom, the shooting boom and the carpet boom. Each of these are meant for attachment onto your lift truck.

Coil Poles

Coil poles are connected to the carriage of the forklift. They were designed for transporting rolled coils and other rolled materials like for example concrete poles or reels of wire. Coil poles will enable you to move every rolled or cylinder material as well.

Carpet Poles

Carpet poles are a heavy duty attachment made from EN24T metal. They mount directly onto the forklifts' carriage. They are known as carpet poles but are also utilized to transport other sorts of rolled floor coverings along with cylinder products. They do not have the ability to pick up very heavy items like for example concrete pipes or coil poles.

Telehandlers or Shooting Forklift Booms

Shooting forklift booms may even be called telehandlers or telescopic booms and are specifically handy on rough terrains. This particular type of boom can raise staff to heights of 20-40 feet. These booms are typically utilized outside on construction jobsites or within the agricultural industry.

Booms Must Not Be Used On Pipes

Extreme damage can happen to the interior of a pipe when utilizing any type of boom to be able to transfer the pipe. It is recommended that a lifting sling be utilized instead of a pipe boom in this particular function. At times, steel pipes and cylinder shaped pipes should be moved with a boom whenever a hauling sling is unavailable. In these cases, care must be taken to guarantee the pipes interior integrity.

Additional Types

Two added booms could be used along with your forklift; the clear view boom and the low profile boom. Neither of these booms connects to the carriage but in its place connects to the forklifts' blades. They allow an easy transition from pallet to rolled or coiled items along with the additional benefit of offering a clear line of sight for the individual operating it.

Guidance for Safety

People operating the forklifts should finish training in order to operate the machinery in the most practical and safe manner. Preparation is designed to keep the individual operating it safe as well as to be able to prevent injury to individuals who are working within the same area. Lift trucks are a heavy piece of industrial equipment and considered to be a possibly dangerous machine. Those who work with and around them should comply with and know all of the safety precautions.

Additional training must be offered and given to operators of forklift booms in order to help ensure they know how to safely operate forklift booms. This will definitely prevent the number of workplace mishaps suffered from incapability to correctly operate a lift truck boom. Some manufacturers provide training courses on the several types of booms and several provide on-site training where workers can be trained directly where they will be working. This on-hand training allows the trainer an opportunity to address all safety concerns at that particular job site.