# **Forklift Extension Booms**

Forklift Extension Booms - Normally, we think of lift trucks as machinery used for transporting and lifting pallets. There are extensions obtainable to give the forklift more strength and more length for heavier loads. By using one of the four major forklift booms, your forklift can be handy for different other applications. The four major lift truck booms are the coil boom, the pipe boom, the shooting boom and the carpet boom. Each of these are utilized for attachment onto your lift truck.

#### Coil Poles

Able to attach to the forklift's carriage, coil poles are built to move rolled coils and other rolled materials such as concrete poles or reels of wire. Coil poles will allow you to move whatever cylinder or rolled material too.

#### Carpet Poles

Carpet poles are a heavy duty accessory constructed from EN24T steel. They mount directly onto the forklifts' carriage. They are called carpet poles but are likewise used to transport other types of rolled floor coverings in addition to cylinder goods. They do not have the capability to raise very heavy things such as concrete pipes or coil poles.

# Telehandlers or Shooting Forklift Booms

Shooting forklift booms are also known as telehandlers or telescopic booms. They are very helpful on rough terrain forklifts and raise to heights of 20-40 feet. These booms are normally utilized outside on construction jobsites or within the agricultural industry.

# Booms Should Not Be Utilized On Pipes

Extreme damage can happen to the interior of a pipe when utilizing any type of boom so as to move the pipe. It is recommended that a hauling sling be used rather than a pipe boom in this particular function. Sometimes, cylinder shaped pipes and steel pipes must be transferred using a boom when a lifting sling is unavailable. In these instances, care should be taken to make sure the pipes internal integrity.

# Other Types

Two added booms can be used together with your lift truck; the low profile boom and the clear view boom. Neither of these booms attaches to the carriage but in its place attaches to the forklifts' blades. They allow an easy transition from pallet to coiled or rolled objects along with the additional advantage of offering a clear line of sight for the person operating it.

#### Guidance for Safety

Forklift operators have to complete a training course so as to learn how to drive the equipment in the most practical and safe way. This preparation is intended to keep the person operating it safe as well as to be able to avoid any injury to people working close by. Lift trucks are a heavy piece of industrialized equipment and considered to be a potentially dangerous machine. Individuals who work with and around them must comply with and comprehend all of the safety precautions.

Additional training should be provided to people who will be dealing with forklift booms. This would ensure they know how to safely operate the booms. Accidents have occurred on the job from failure to carefully operate a boom. Several makers provide training courses on the various types of booms and a few offer on-site training where employees could be trained directly where they will be working. This on-hand training enables the guide an opportunity to tackle all safety concerns at that particular job location.