

Filled with air, pneumatic forklift tires can come as bias or radial and produce the best ride. There will be differences in tread depth, weight, or sidewall protection depending on your need. Further, foam-filled & solid pneumatic forklift tires protect against punctures. Solid pneumatic tires retain lift capacities better than standard air pneumatics, but the standard air pneumatics offer a smoother ride. You find pneumatic tires on forklifts normally used outdoors over rough, uneven, or "unimproved" terrain.



## **Forklift Tires**

The tires you use on a forklift can make a major difference in its handling, safety characteristics, and maintenance expenses. Choosing the right tire depends on the type of forklift you have. Before selecting a tire, it is important to check and see if you even have an option. Most forklifts are designed with a particular frame that accepts only a specific type of tire. Provided you have a choice, study the properties of both cushion and pneumatic tires in order to help make your decision.



## **Cushion/Warehouse Type**

A cushion tire is a solid tire and comes either in a smooth or tread design. Made from polyurethane or rubber, the tread is bonded or pressed onto a steel ring that forms the tire. Cushion tires are available in different sizes and are rated for different load capacities, hardness, or effort required for steering. Forklifts used for indoor work on smooth surfaces, such as warehouses, use cushion tires.

## **Basic Properties of Pneumatic Forklift Tires**

- Indoor or Outdoor Use
- Smooth to Rough Ground Surface
- Ideal for Rough Terrain
- Generous Ground Clearance
- Best Choice for Heavy-Duty Large Capacity Lift Trucks
- Solid Form are Puncture Resistant
- Larger Turning Radius than Cushion Tires

## **Basic Properties of Cushion/Warehouse Forklift Tires**

- Indoor Use
- Smooth Ground Surface
- Not Suitable on Rough Terrain
- Low Ground Clearance
- Best Choice for Electric-Powered Equipment Due to Reduced Tire-to-Ground Friction
- Less Turning Radius than Pneumatic Tires (*ideal for smaller work spaces*)

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