# **Extension Booms**

Usually, we view lift trucks as industrial equipment used in order to lift and transport pallets. Nonetheless, there are extensions accessible to give the forklift more strength and more length for heavier loads. By utilizing one of the four major lift truck booms, your forklift could be useful for a variety of other applications. The four main lift truck booms are the shooting boom, the carpet boom, the coil boom and the pipe boom. Each of these are utilized for attachment onto your lift truck.

### Coil Poles

Able to connect to the forklift's carriage, coil poles are designed to transfer rolled coils and other rolled materials like for instance concrete poles or reels of wire. Coil poles will enable you to transport any cylinder or rolled material also.

#### Carpet Poles

Carpet poles are a heavy duty attachment made from EN24T metal. They mount directly onto the forklifts' carriage. They are referred to as carpet poles but are likewise used so as to move other kinds of rolled floor coverings as well as cylinder products. They don't have the capability to lift heavy stuff like for instance coil poles or concrete pipes.

### Shooting Forklift Booms or Telehandlers

Shooting forklift booms are likewise called telehandlers or telescopic booms. They are really useful on rough terrain forklifts and lift to heights of 20-40 feet. These booms are usually utilized outside on construction sites or within the agricultural industry.

## Booms Must Not Be Used On Pipes

Extreme damage can happen to the interior of a pipe whenever using any kind of boom so as to move the pipe. It is recommended that a lifting sling be utilized in place of a pipe boom in this specific function. Every so often, steel pipes and cylinder shaped pipes should be transported utilizing a boom whenever a hauling sling is unavailable. In these circumstances, care must be taken to make certain the pipes interior integrity.

## Other Types

There are two other booms that could be used by the lift truck and they both attach to the forks rather than the carriage. They enable an easy transition from pallet to rolled or coiled items with the extra benefit of offering a clear line of sight for the person operating it.

## Guidance for Safety

Operators of lift trucks should finish training to be able to operate the equipment in the most practical and safe way. Training is made to keep the one operating it safe and so as to avoid injury to those who are working within the same area. Forklifts are a heavy piece of industrial equipment and considered to be a potentially dangerous machine. People who work with and around them must comply with and know all of the safety measures.

Additional training must be offered to those who will be dealing with forklift booms. This will ensure they comprehend how to carefully work the booms. Accidents have happened on the job from failure to safely work a boom. A number of manufacturers offer training courses on the different types of booms and several provide on-site training where workers could be trained directly where they would be working. This on-hand training enables the guide a chance to address all safety concerns at that specific job location.