

When was the first Rough Terrain Forklift introduced?

The rough terrain forklift was first introduced in the market in the mid to late forties. They came into the picture as a realization that industry-grade forklifts required more sophisticated and smoother working environments which a rough and rugged terrain could not provide. A rough terrain forklift lives true to its name, in that it can be easily deployed in places such as lumberyards where the ground is anything but even or smooth. A rough terrain forklift provides lifting power even in contexts where the surface is not paved.

The first generation of rough terrain forklifts was capable of lifting material with weight slightly over a thousand pounds. These lifts comprised blades which would run beneath the item, lifting it slightly, and then transporting it to another location. The second generation saw the capability of the forklift rise to slightly over two thousand pound capacity. By the sixties, the rough terrain forklift underwent a cosmetic change, with telescoping booms added to it. This meant that now the items can be stacked higher than hitherto fore possible. This particular design is prevalent to this date.