



## Tips for choosing the correct Forklift

### Application:

- Will your forklift be used indoors or outdoors?
- Will it work on smooth floors or rough terrain?
- What lift heights and types of products will be moved?
- How many hours per week?

### Other Selection Criteria:

#### *Load Capacity*

- What will the forklift be moving?
- What is the average and max load weight?
- What is the width of your loads?

#### *Fuel Type*

- Electric – zero emissions, low cost of fuel, quiet, suitable for indoor use, higher up-front cost, battery needs recharging, higher maintenance costs
- Propane/LPG – lower up-front cost, easily refueled, long lifespan, low maintenance costs, slightly higher operating cost, noisier, create exhaust, must replenish and store tanks
- Diesel Fuel – lower up-front cost, heavy duty, most powerful for outdoor use, reliable, easily refueled, slightly higher operating cost

#### *Lift Height*

- What is the typical and max lift height?
- What are the height restrictions? Consider doorways, low ceilings, hanging lights, etc.

#### *Tires*

- Solid Pneumatic Tires – outdoor use, heavy duty, durable
- Cushion Tires – indoor use, smaller chassis, tighter turn radius

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