

# **Electric Forklifts, Tow Tractors and Li-On Batteries**

## The Benefits of Going Electric

The material-handling industry continues to evolve as technology advances. Electric forklifts and tow tractors are used more than ever before because of their proven performance and ability to create a cleaner and safer workplace environment.

#### Cost-Effective

- Fuel and maintenance costs are less than internal combustion models.
- Despite higher upfront capital costs, the payback for electric forklifts is usually less than two years

### Highly Efficient

- New 80VAC technology doubles the runtime between battery charges
- New high-frequency chargers are 90 percent efficient

## Improved Productivity and Work Environment

- More responsive and smoother to operate
- Less vibration and operator fatigue
- Quieter
- Improved air quality and healthier workplace









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### What You Need to Know

Electric forklifts and tow tractors have been material-handling workhorses for years. Recent technology advances have boosted performance and utility, enabling them to compete with internal-combustion counterparts indoors and out, while delivering energy and emissions benefits and substantial cost savings over their lifetime.

Electric forklifts and tow tractors operate just like conventional internal-combustion lift trucks but are powered by industrial batteries instead of propane, diesel, natural gas or gasoline fuel.



## **Electric Forklift and Tow Tractor Class Info**

#### **Class 1 Forklifts**

### **Class 2 Forklifts**

#### **Class 6 Tow Tractors**

Counterbalanced rider trucks with a typical lift capacity of 3,000 to 20,000 pounds.
Some models can lift up to 40,000 pounds.

Narrow-aisle forklifts that typically have 3,000 to 5,500 pounds of lift capacity, with high-reach capacity.

Sit or stand models with tow capacities up to 5,000 pounds and deck capacities from 750 to 1,000 pounds.

# **Applications**

Electric forklifts and tow tractors are used indoors and outdoors in small businesses and in large, round-the-clock operations within the following sectors:

- · Warehousing and storage
- Manufacturing
- Large retail
- Construction

- Mining
- Agriculture
- Commercial manufacturing
- Waste management
- Goods movement, shipping and storage
- Health, technology and research operations



