## **A FORKLIFT FOR EVERY APPLICATION** TRUCK CLASSIFICATIONS FOR OPERATION NEEDS

Whether it's navigating through narrow aisles, moving pallets or picking large paper rolls, various environments present unique challenges for material handlers. IC and electric forklifts are divided into 7 different classes that handle a wide range of needs. **The types of forklifts in each class include:** 

**CLASS 1: Electric motor rider forklifts** are suitable for loading and unloading tractor-trailers and handling pallets. ideal for indoor applications because they are quieter than other forklifts and create 0 emissions.

**CLASS 2: Electric motor narrow aisle forklifts (reach trucks, order pickers)** have maneuverability features that allow them to operate in tight spaces and narrow aisles. Typical uses include picking and storing inventory. Provides users the ability to increase racking space without expanding their current warehouse.

**CLASS 3: Electric pallet jacks, stackers and tow tractors** comes in both rider and walk-behind models, often used to unload deliveries and move loads to a staging area where they can be handled by other types of forklifts.

**CLASS 4: IC cushion tire forklifts are IC-powered sit-down units** for a various of indoor applications. Their solid, cushioned tires provide a smooth ride on indoor surfaces and are puncture-proof since they're not air-filled. Specific applications include forklifts to lift paper rolls, lifts for use in railcars, and lifts to move steel coils.

**CLASS 5: IC pneumatic tire forklifts** are similar to those in Class IV but were built primarily for outdoor use, including lumberyards, construction sites and other outdoor applications.

**CLASS 6: Electric/IC engine tow tractors** includes electric and IC engine tow tractors. Most commonly used for towing loads rather than lifting. Ideal for use at airports but are also commonly used in assembly line areas.

**CLASS 7: Rough terrain forklifts** feature large, tractor-style tires and mostly powered by diesel engines for outdoor use in rugged terrain. Seen at lumberyards or construction sites to lift building materials to elevated work sites.

| Class     | Load Capacity       | Application  | Power Type  |
|-----------|---------------------|--|---|
| Class I   | 2,500 - 12,000 lbs  | Indoors, Manufacturing Facilities &<br>Warehouses                | <b>Electric:</b> Lead Acid, Thin Plate Pure lead, Li-lon & Hydrogen Fuel Cell |
| Class II  | 1,500 - 5,500 lbs.  | Large Storage Warehouses, High<br>Shelves & Narrow Aisles        | <b>Electric:</b> Lead Acid, Thin Plate Pure<br>Lead & Li-lon                  |
| Class III | 2,000 - 10,000 lbs  | Loading Areas, Indoors & Long<br>Distances                       | <b>Electric:</b> Lead Acid, Thin Plate Pure<br>Lead & Li-lon                  |
| Class IV  | 3,000 - 15,500 lbs. | Indoors, Smooth Floors & Loading<br>Docks                        | Diesel Fuel, LP Gas, Gasoline &<br>Compressed Natural Gas                     |
| Class V   | 3,000 - 36,000 lbs. | Outside & Inside, Lumberyard,<br>Construction Sites & Warehouses | Diesel Fuel, LP Gas, Gasoline &<br>Compressed Natural Gas                     |

