## **Forklift Winches**

Forklift Winch - Winches are mechanical devices that can wind out, or pull up the tension of a wire rope, rope, wire cable or cable. These devices, in its most simple form, are constructed of a spool and a hand crank. More complex winches are found at the heart of machines like elevators, steam shovels and tow trucks. Every now and then the spool can be called the winch drum. Complex designs have gear assemblies which could be driven by hydraulic, electric, pneumatic or internal combustion drives. Several winches could comprise a solenoid brake or a mechanical brake or a pawl and ratchet device to be able to prevent it from unwinding unless the pawl is retracted.

Generally, the rope or cable is stored on the winch, nonetheless the capspan, a similar machinery, does not store the rope. In sailing, when trimming a line on a sailboat, the crew member operates the winch handle utilizing one hand while tailing the other in order to maintain tension on the turns. Various winches have a stripper or cleat so as to maintain tension. These designs are known as "self-tailing" winches.

Quite often, a winch is utilized in big theatrical productions as a part of the mechanism so as to move staging. Occasionally there are also winches really imbedded in the stage in order to help transfer the many larger set pieces off and on the stage.

The new generation of winches have been made for snow and water sports allowing the riders to be pulled swiftly across a body of water or of snow. This can stimulate a riding experience which is typically supplied by a snow mobile, wave runner or a boat.