Abstract: An operator backrest (80) in combination with a materials handling vehicle (10) is provided. The backrest may comprise a primary support pad (84, 384, 601, 1601, 2601, 3601, 4601) and gripping structure located in at least one side portion (84A) of the primary support pad. The gripping structure may be substantially even with or extend above a surface of a portion of the primary support pad surrounding the gripping structure for engagement with an operator positioned on the materials handling vehicle.
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1. claims: 1-23

1.1. Claims 1-23: directed to a material handling vehicle comprising backrest and a gripping structure.

1.1. claims: 24-30

directed to a material handling vehicle comprising a first knee support pad
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