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### Interpretation: 20-25

Subject: ASME B20.1-2012  
Para. 6.21, Moving Vertical Reciprocating Conveyors

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Question (1): Does Section 6.21 "Vertical-Reciprocating Conveyors" apply to relatively large, self-propelled material lifts that are part of a continuously moving (extremely/imperceptively-slow rate of travel) vehicle assembly line?

Response (1): See definition of "conveyor, vertical reciprocating" in ASME B20.1:  
*conveyor, vertical reciprocating*: a reciprocating power or gravity-actuated unit (not designed to carry passengers or an operator) that receives objects on a carrier and transmits these objects vertically between two or more levels.

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Question (2): Specifically, can a "vertical-reciprocating conveyor" be utilized to routinely transport people up and down per ASME B20.1?

Response (2): ASME B20.1 vertical-reciprocating conveyors do not allow for the transport of passengers or operators.