Instructor Guide



220: Elevator: Other Systems Module 1: Rack-and-Pinion

TRANSIT ELEVATOR/ESCALATOR CONSORTIUM



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2	Basic Operation	30 minutes
3	Components	60 minutes
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5	Summary	30 Minutes
	Total Time:	180 Minutes



Overview

Purpose The purpose of this module is to:

Provide participants with an overview of the basics of a passenger rack & pinion elevator in transit systems.

Objectives

At the end of this lesson, the transit elevator/escalator trainee will be able to:

- Describe the basic operation of a rack-and-pinion elevator.
- Define terminology associated with rack-and-pinion.
- Identify major components of rack-and-pinion elevators.
- Identify control systems and associated components.
- Identify safety devices specific to rack-and-pinion elevators.
- Describe the difference between the speed tracking system on a traction elevator as compared to a rackand-pinion elevator.
- Identify maintenance requirements.
- Identify common faults.
- Identify code requirements specific to rack-and-pinion elevators.

Materials Mandatory

Make sure you have the following

- PowerPoint Presentation
- Coursebook
- Quizzes
- Pencils

Optional

You may also want the following for optional activities:

- Chalk board with chalk, large paper with marker, etc.
- Internet connection
- Lab, simulator or out of service elevator
- Authority specific procedures if applicable
- ASME Code A17.1
- Time for a field visit if applicable



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Time remaining: 180 min

This section: 30 min (6 slides) Section start time:

Section End Time:

Materials Needed

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In your own words:

You may be most familiar or have heard of rack and pinion as used in steering systems in car.

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[Multi-media: click on illustration to website for more information on how rack and pinion works in car steering systems.]

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Module Length: 180 min

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This section: 30 min (6 slides) Section start time:

Materials Needed

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In your own words:

Today we will look at rack and pinion in elevator systems. In doing so, we will:

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- Describe the basic operation of a rackand-pinion elevator
- Define terminology associated with rack-and-pinion
- Identify major components of rack-andpinion elevators
- Identify control systems and associated components
- Identify safety devices specific to rackand-pinion elevators Advance.

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- · Describe the basic operation of a rack-and pinion elevator
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- · Identify control systems and associated components
- · Identify safety devices specific to rack-and-

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This section: 30 min (6 slides) Section start time:

Materials Needed DO SAY In your own words: Lets take a look at some of the key **REVIEW** key terms words we will be defining as move through this module: Rack **Pinion** Helical Gear Box Electromagnetic Disc Brake Instructor's Notes **Automatic Stop** Buffers Phase Failure Relay Advance

Rack	
Pinion	
Helical Gear Box	
Electromagnetic Disc Brake	
Automatic Stop	
Buffers	
Phase Failure Relay	

Module Length: 180 min

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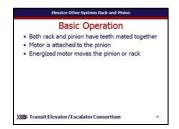
Both the rack-and-pinion have teeth, which mate together. A motor is attached to the pinion. When the motor is electrically energized the pinion or rack will move.

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[Discuss photo with participants pointing out the rack component and the pinion component.]

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This section: 30 min (11 slides) Section start time:

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Section End Time: **Materials Needed**

DO **ASK** Instructor's Notes

In your own words:

Lets see what we have learned so far: The main goal of rack-and-pinion is to change:

Call on participants for answer Advance once given the correct answer

Answer: rotational motion into straight line motion

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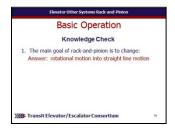
Both the rack and the pinion have mated together.

- a. Gears
- b. Teeth
- c. circuits

Call on participants for answer Advance once given the correct answer

Answer: b. Advance

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This section: 60 min (26 slides) Section start time:

Section End Time:

DO SAY **Materials Needed** In your own words: In addition to the common overhead **REVIEW** slide components in a rack-and-pinion system is a stationary overhead buffer. **Advance** In the case of a faulty final limit switch which does not fully stop the car before · Prevents car from climbing off top of rack it reaches the end of the hoistway, this buffer Transit Elevator/Escalator Consortiun is a mechanical stop meant to absorb the Instructor's Notes vibration of the car with the end of the hoistway as to not directly strike the overhead structure. **Advance** A matching, but not identical buffer is also attached to the car top which is lined up to meet the car buffer in some instances. The buffer in the overhead differs from the one on the car because unlike the one on the car the overhead buffer is not made completely of metal. Advance

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Overhead Rack & Pinion Component Overhead Buffer Stationary buffer at top end of hoistway Provided mechanical stop to absorb car vibration in even of faulty final limit switch Strike point is a layer of rubber on stationary

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Materials Needed

DO SAY In your own words: Common length of hoistway components in all **REVIEW** slides elevator systems include quide rails, rail brackets, fish plates, hoistway door covers including dust covers, door frames, and fascia plates. Cable support grips, halfway boxes, traveling cables, and selector tapes are all common in all hoistways as well. Instructor's Notes Advance The only component that runs the length of the rack-and-pinion hoistway that is not present on hydraulic or traction elevators is the rack. The rack is secured to the hoistway by use of rack brackets which are attached to the hoistway. Advance

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DO SAY **Materials Needed** In your own words: Mounted to the pinion is a unique overspeed ✓ PPT slide 28 **REVIEW** slide device. The roller on the overspeed device Car Rack and Pinion Components rides along the overspeed rail Overspeed Device Rides along overspeed rail Mounted behind rack and measures speed of Advance which is mounted behind the rack, Individually calibrated Designed to stop car if normal travel speed is measuring the speed of the car as it is moving Functions same as governor in traction system along the hoistway. Mr. Transit Elevator/Escalator Consortiur Advance Each overspeed safety device is Instructor's Notes individually calibrated for that particular elevator. **Advance** The overspeed device is designed to stop the car if the normal travel speed is exceeded. **Advance** The overspeed device in rack-andpinion elevators functions the same way the governor does in traction elevators. Advance

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In your own words:

Here is a photo of a helical gear box and plugin control station attached to a rack and pinion car.

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And here is a photo of a motor attached to a rack and pinion car.

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In your own words:

In rack-and-pinion elevators, air bags and/or vibration pads are installed to absorb the vibration and associated noises caused by the movement of the pinion along the rack. These dampeners are located between the car frame and the pinions - both on the car top and bottom.

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Here you can see the airbag located between the car and crosshead.

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REFER participants to ASME Code A17.1 Section 4.1.9

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In your own words:

Here is a car top switch on a rack and pinion system.

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See A17.1 - 2010 Section 4.1.9 for a detailed review of code requirements for rack-and-pinion safeties

[If possible, have participants turn to ASME Code A17.1 Section 4.1.9. Review those pages together.]

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ASME Code A17.1

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Time remaining: 60 min

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Section End Time: **Materials Needed**

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In your own words:

Lets start move on by taking a look at rack and pinion maintentance requirements, common faults, and code requirements.

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Rack-and-pinion elevators are much more intensive when it comes to maintenance than either traction or hydraulic elevators. In addition -to the maintenance required for other systems, the following items should be done:

Advance Tighten rack bolts - Because of the vibration associated with rack-and-pinion elevators, racks must be inspected on a daily basis to ensure that all bolts are securely attached to the hoistway.

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Module Length: 180 min

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Section End Time:

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REFER participants to Course Book

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In your own words:

[Note any other transit authority known common faults with rack and pinion systems as well as any specific related procedures.] Advance



- Course book
- **Authority Specific** Procedures if <u>possible</u>

Module Length: 180 min

Time remaining: 60 min

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In your own words:

Maintenance on a rack-and-pinion system should include (check all that apply)

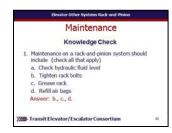
- a. Check hydraulic fluid level
- b. Tighten rack bolts
- c. Grease rack
- d. Refill air bags

Call on participants for answer

Advance once given the correct answer

Answer: b., c., d.

Advance



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In your own words:

An additional maintenance requirement for rack-and-pinion systems may include due to large amounts of

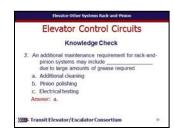
grease required

- a. Additional cleaning
- b. Pinion polishing
- c. Electrical testing

Call on participants for answer
Advance once given the correct answer

Answer: a.

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In your own words:

Administer quizzes.

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- ✓ Quizzes
- ✓ Pencils

