

B66 HOISTING; LIFTING; HAULING

B66B ELEVATORS; ESCALATORS OR MOVING WALKWAYS (funicular railbound systems with rigid ground-supported tracks and cable traction, e.g. cliff railways, B61B 9/00; arrangements of ammunition handlers in vessels B63G 3/00; hoists, lifts, or conveyers for loading or unloading in general B65G; braking or detent devices controlling normal movements of winding drums or barrels B66D; ship-lifting devices E02C; garages for many vehicles with mechanical means for lifting vehicles E04H 6/12; hoists for feeding ammunition or projectiles to launching apparatus or to loading mechanisms F41A 9/00) [4]

Note

In this subclass, the following term is used with the meaning indicated: [6]

– “elevator” covers the term “lift”, and the two terms are interchangeable. [6]

Subclass Index**COMMON FEATURES OF ELEVATORS**

Control; signalling; checking,
safety; other..... 1/00; 3/00;
5/00; 7/00

LIFTS FOR BUILDINGS

Kinds; component parts; gates 9/00; 11/00;
13/00

LIFTS FOR MINES

Kinds, hoistway equipment;
component parts..... 17/00, 19/00;
15/00

OTHER ELEVATORS..... 20/00

ESCALATORS, MOVING WALKWAYS

Kinds; component parts;
accessories..... 21/00; 23/00;
31/00

Control; indicating operating
conditions; safety devices 25/00; 27/00;
29/00

Common features of elevators

1/00 Control systems of elevators in general (safety devices B66B 5/00; controlling door or gate operation B66B 13/00; systems of general application G05)

1/02 . Control systems without regulation, i.e. without retroactive action

1/04 . . hydraulic

1/06 . . electric

1/08 . . . with devices, e.g. handles or levers, in the cars or cages for direct control of movements

1/10 specially adapted for mining hoists

1/12 . . . with devices, e.g. handles or levers, located at a control station for direct control of movements, e.g. electric mining-hoist control systems

1/14 . . . with devices, e.g. push-buttons, for indirect control of movements

1/16 with means for storing pulses controlling the movements of a single car or cage

1/18 with means for storing pulses controlling the movements of several cars or cages

1/20 and for varying the manner of operation to suit particular traffic conditions, e.g. “one-way rush-hour traffic”

1/22 with means for taking account of delayed calls

1/24 . Control systems with regulation, i.e. with retroactive action, for influencing travelling speed, acceleration, or deceleration

1/26 . . mechanical

1/28 . . . electrical (detecting excessive speed B66B 5/04)

1/30 . . . effective on driving gear

1/32 . . . effective on braking devices

1/34 . Details

1/36 . . Means for stopping the cars, cages, or skips at predetermined levels

1/38 . . . and for returning the controlling handle or lever to its neutral position

1/40 . . . and for correct levelling at landings

1/42 separate from the main drive

1/44 . . . and for taking account of disturbance factors, e.g. variation of load weight

1/46 . . Adaptations of switches or switchgear (switches or switchgear in general, applications of switches or switchgear for floor-levelling purpose H01H; panels for boards or switching arrangements H02B 1/015)

1/48 . . . Adaptations of mechanically-operated limit switches (for cranes B66C 13/50; for winding mechanisms B66D 1/56)

1/50 . . . with operating or control mechanisms mounted in the car or cage or in the lift well or hoistway

1/52 . . . Floor selectors

3/00 Applications of devices for indicating or signalling operating conditions (of general application G08)

3/02 . Position or depth indicators

5/00 Applications of checking, fault-correcting, or safety devices (to lift doors or gates B66B 13/00)

5/02 . responsive to abnormal operating conditions

5/04 . . for detecting excessive speed

5/06 . . . electrical

5/08 . . for preventing overwinding

5/10 . . . electrical

5/12 . . in case of rope or cable slack

5/14 . . in case of excessive loads

5/16 . . Braking or catch devices operating between cars, cages, or skips and fixed guide elements or surfaces in hoistway or well

5/18 . . . and applying frictional retarding forces

5/20 by means of rotatable eccentrically- mounted members (B66B 5/24 takes precedence)

B66B

- 5/22 by means of linearly-movable wedges (B66B 5/24 takes precedence)
- 5/24 by acting on guide ropes or cables
- 5/26 . . . Positively-acting devices, e.g. latches, knives
- 5/28 . Buffer-stops for cars, cages, or skips
- 7/00 Other common features of elevators**
- 7/02 . Guideways; Guides (arrangements in mine shafts E21D 7/02)
- 7/04 . . Shoes; Rollers
- 7/06 . Arrangements of ropes or cables
- 7/08 . . for connection to the cars or cages, e.g. couplings
- 7/10 . . for equalising rope or cable tension
- 7/12 . Checking, lubricating, or cleaning means for ropes, cables, or guides

Lifts in, or associated with, buildings

- 9/00 Kinds or types of lift in, or associated with, buildings or other structures** (characterised by control systems B66B 1/00; apparatus for raising or lowering persons on stages of theatres A63J 5/12)
- 9/02 . actuated mechanically otherwise than by rope or cable
- 9/04 . actuated pneumatically or hydraulically (platforms for lifting or lowering through short distances B66F 7/00)
- 9/06 . inclined, e.g. serving blast furnaces
- 9/08 . . associated with stairways, e.g. for transporting disabled persons
- 9/10 . paternoster type (with devices for transferring goods into, or out of, the compartments B65G 17/00)
- 9/16 . Mobile or transportable lifts specially adapted to be shifted from one part of a building or other structure to another part or to another building or structure (devices for lifting or lowering bulky or heavy goods for loading or unloading purposes B66F 9/00, e.g. fork-lift trucks B66F 9/06)
- 9/187 . . with liftway specially adapted for temporary connection to a building or other structure (B66B 9/193 takes precedence) [6]
- 9/193 . . with inclined liftways [6]
- 11/00 Main component parts of lifts in, or associated with, buildings or other structures**
- 11/02 . Cages (doors, gates, or other apparatus controlling access to, or exit from, cages B66B 13/00)
- 11/04 . Driving gear
- 11/06 . . with hoisting rope or cable positively attached to a winding drum
- 11/08 . . with hoisting rope or cable operated by frictional engagement with a winding drum or sheave
- 13/00 Doors, gates, or other apparatus controlling access to, or exit from, cages or lift-well landings** (door fittings, locks E05)
- 13/02 . Door or gate operation (of general application E05F)
- 13/04 . . of swinging doors
- 13/06 . . of sliding doors
- 13/08 . . . guided for horizontal movement
- 13/10 . . . by car or cage movement
- 13/12 . . Arrangements for effecting simultaneous opening or closing of cage and landing doors
- 13/14 . . Control systems or devices
- 13/16 . . . Door or gate locking devices controlled or primarily controlled by condition of cage, e.g. movement or position

- 13/18 without manually-operable devices for completing locking or unlocking of doors
- 13/20 Lock mechanisms actuated mechanically by abutments or projections on the cages
- 13/22 . Operation of door or gate contacts
- 13/24 . Safety devices in passenger lifts, not otherwise provided for, for preventing trapping of passengers
- 13/26 . . between closing doors
- 13/28 . . between car or cage and wells
- 13/30 . Constructional features of doors or gates (of interest apart from this application E06B)

Lifts in hoistways of mines

- 15/00 Main component parts of mining-hoist winding devices**
- 15/02 . Rope or cable carriers
- 15/04 . . Friction sheaves; “Koepe” pulleys
- 15/06 . . Drums
- 15/08 . Driving gear
- 17/00 Hoistway equipment**
- 17/02 . mounted in head-frames (winding towers for mines E04H 12/26)
- 17/04 . Mining-hoist cars or cages
- 17/06 . . with tiltable platforms
- 17/08 . Mining skips
- 17/10 . . adapted for passenger transport
- 17/12 . Counterpoises
- 17/14 . Applications of loading and unloading equipment (of general application B65G)
- 17/16 . . for loading and unloading mining-hoist cars or cages
- 17/18 . . . Swinging bridges, e.g. for compensating for differences in level between car or cage and landing
- 17/20 . . . by moving vehicles into, or out of, the cars or cages
- 17/22 . . . Securing vehicles in cars or cages
- 17/24 mounted on the car or cage
- 17/26 . . for loading or unloading mining-hoist skips
- 17/28 . . electrically controlled (for elevators in general B66B 1/06)
- 17/30 . . . for cars or cages
- 17/32 . . . for skips
- 17/34 . Safe lift clips; Keps
- 17/36 . Gates or other apparatus controlling access to, or exit from, cars, cages, or hoistway landings
- 19/00 Mining-hoist operation**
- 19/02 . Installing or exchanging ropes or cables
- 19/04 . Installing or removing mining-hoist cars, cages, or skips
- 19/06 . Applications of signalling devices (depth indicators B66B 3/02; order telegraphs G08B)

20/00 Elevators not provided for in groups B66B 1/00 to B66B 19/00 [8]

Escalators or moving walkways [4]

- 21/00 Kinds or types of escalators or moving walkways [4]**
- 21/02 . Escalators [4]
- 21/04 . . linear type [4]
- 21/06 . . spiral type [4]

21/08	. . . paternoster type, i.e. the escalator being used simultaneously for climbing and descending (B66B 21/06 takes precedence) [4]	23/24	. . . Handrails (driving gear therefor B66B 23/02; tensioning means therefor B66B 23/16; preventing jamming thereof by foreign objects B66B 29/04; accessories therefor B66B 31/02) [4]
21/10	. Moving walkways [4]	23/26	. . . of variable speed type [4]
21/12	. . . of variable speed type [4]	25/00	Control of escalators or moving walkways (walkways of variable speed type B66B 21/12; handrails of variable speed type B66B 23/26; of general application G05) [4]
23/00	Component parts of escalators or moving walkways [4]	27/00	Indicating operating conditions of escalators or moving walkways (of general application G08) [4]
23/02	. Driving gear [4]	29/00	Safety devices of escalators or moving walkways (walkways of variable speed type B66B 21/12; handrails of variable speed type B66B 23/26) [4]
23/04	. . . for handrails [4]	29/02	. responsive to, or preventing, jamming by foreign objects [4]
23/06	. . . with means synchronising the operation of the steps or the carrying belts and the handrails [4]	29/04	. . . for balustrades or handrails [4]
23/08	. Carrying surfaces [4]	29/06	. . . Combplates [4]
23/10	. . Carrying belts [4]	29/08	. Means to facilitate passenger entry or exit (moving handrails B66B 23/24) [4]
23/12	. . Steps [4]	31/00	Accessories, e.g. for sterilising, cleaning (for safety B66B 29/00) [4]
23/14	. Guiding means for carrying surfaces [4]	31/02	. for handrails [4]
23/16	. Means allowing tensioning of the endless member [4]		
23/18	. . for carrying surfaces [4]		
23/20	. . for handrails [4]		
23/22	. Balustrades [4]		

B66C CRANES; LOAD-ENGAGING ELEMENTS OR DEVICES FOR CRANES, CAPSTANS, WINCHES, OR TACKLES (rope, cable, or chain winding mechanisms, braking or detent devices therefor B66D; specially adapted for nuclear reactors G21)

Subclass Index

KINDS OF CRANES

Trolley cranes.....	19/00
Bridge; cable-way; jib	17/00; 21/00; 23/00
Other cranes	25/00

COMMON FEATURES OR DETAILS

Load-engaging devices	1/00, 3/00
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Supporting structures; runways	5/00, 6/00; 7/00
Travelling gear; trolleys	9/00; 11/00
Safety gear.....	15/00
Other	13/00

Load-engaging elements or devices attached to lifting, lowering, or hauling gear of cranes or adapted for connection therewith

Note

In groups B66C 1/00 or B66C 3/00, the following term is used with the meaning indicated:
– “cranes” also covers capstans, winches, or tackles.

1/00 Load-engaging elements or devices attached to lifting, lowering, or hauling gear of cranes, or adapted for connection therewith for transmitting forces to articles or groups of articles (fastening to cables or ropes F16G 11/00)

1/02	. by suction means	1/18	. . . Band-type slings
1/04	. by magnetic means	1/20	. . . specially adapted for handling vehicles
1/06	. . electromagnetic	1/22	. . Rigid members, e.g. L-shaped members, with parts engaging the under surface of the loads; Crane hooks
1/08	. . . Circuits therefor (for electromagnets in general H01F 7/18)	1/24	. . . Single members engaging the loads from one side only
1/10	. by mechanical means	1/26	. . . . with means for releasing the loads
1/12	. . Slings comprising chains, wires, ropes, or bands; Nets (article side grippers suspended by ropes or chains from crane hooks B66C 1/42)	1/28	. . . Duplicate, e.g. pivoted, members engaging the loads from two sides
1/14	. . . Slings with hooks	1/30	. . . . and also arranged to grip the sides of the loads
1/16	. . . Slings with load-engaging platforms or frameworks	1/32	. . . . of piled or stacked articles
		1/34	. . . Crane hooks
		1/36	. . . . with means, e.g. spring-biased detents, for preventing inadvertent disengagement of loads
		1/38	. . . . adapted for automatic disengagement from loads on release of cable tensions (for parachutes B64D)
		1/40	. . . . formed or fitted with load-measuring or indicating devices

- 1/42 . . . Gripping members engaging only the external or internal surface of the articles (for handling or stripping castings or ingots during manufacture B22D 29/00)
- 1/44 . . . and applying frictional forces
- 1/46 by inflatable elements
- 1/48 to vertical edge portions of sheets, tubes, or like thin or thin-walled articles (internally-expanding grippers B66C 1/54)
- 1/54 Internally-expanding grippers for handling hollow articles (B66C 1/46 takes precedence) [2]
- 1/56 for handling tubes
- 1/58 . . . and deforming the articles, e.g. by using gripping members such as tongs or grapples
- 1/59 Tongs for sacks [3]
- 1/62 . . . comprising article-engaging members of a shape complementary to that of the articles to be handled
- 1/64 . . . for T- or I-section beams or girders
- 1/66 . . . for engaging holes, recesses, or abutments on articles specially provided for facilitating handling thereof
- 1/68 . . . mounted on, or guided by, jibs (jibs B66C 23/64)

3/00 Load-engaging elements or devices attached to lifting or lowering gear of cranes or adapted for connection therewith and intended primarily for transmitting lifting forces to loose materials; Grabs (buckets or other containers B65D, e.g. pallets B65D 19/00; dredges equipped with grabs E02F)

- 3/02 . . . Bucket grabs
- 3/04 . . . Tine grabs
- 3/06 . . . Grabs actuated by a single rope or chain
- 3/08 . . . and having tipping rings
- 3/10 . . . and having buckets opening automatically upon the grab being lowered on to the dump of material
- 3/12 . . . Grabs actuated by two or more ropes
- 3/14 . . . Grabs opened or closed by driving motors thereon
- 3/16 . . . by fluid motors
- 3/18 . . . by electric motors
- 3/20 . . . mounted on, or guided by, jibs (jibs B66C 23/64)

Other common features; Details

5/00 Base-supporting structures with legs

- 5/02 . . . Fixed or travelling bridges or gantries, i.e. elongated structures of inverted-L- or of inverted-U-shape
- 5/04 . . . with runways or tracks supported for movements relative to bridge or gantry
- 5/06 . . . with runways or tracks supported for lateral swinging movements
- 5/08 . . . with vertically-inclinable runways or tracks
- 5/10 . . . Portals, i.e. essentially circular or square platforms with three or more legs specially adapted for supporting slewing jib cranes

6/00 Girders, or track-supporting structures, specially adapted for cranes (base-supporting structures with legs B66C 5/00; girders in general E04C 3/02)

7/00 Runways, tracks, or trackways for trolleys or cranes

- 7/02 . . . for underhung trolleys or cranes
- 7/04 . . . Trackway suspension
- 7/06 on supports constructed for easy erection, e.g. transportable
- 7/08 . . . Constructional features of runway rails or rail mountings (of general application E01B)

- 7/10 . . . Arrangements or devices for extending runways or tracks
- 7/12 . . . Devices for changing direction of travel or for transferring from one runway to another; Crossings; Combinations of tracks of different gauges (transfer devices of general application E01B)
- 7/14 . . . Runway interlocking devices
- 7/16 . . . Devices specially adapted for limiting trolley or crane travel; Arrangements of buffer-stops (buffer-stops of interest apart from this application B61K 7/18; limit-switch arrangements, limit circuits B66D 1/56)

9/00 Travelling gear incorporated in, or fitted to, trolleys or cranes (for dredgers E02F)

- 9/02 . . . for underhung trolleys or cranes
- 9/04 . . . to facilitate negotiation of curves
- 9/06 . . . for more than one rail gauge
- 9/08 . . . Runners; Runner bearings (wheels for railbound vehicles B60B)
- 9/10 . . . Undercarriages or bogies, e.g. end carriages, end bogies
- 9/12 . . . with load-distributing means for equalising wheel pressure
- 9/14 . . . Trolley or crane travel drives (rope, cable, or chain drives for loads or trolleys B66C 11/16; control B66C 13/18)
- 9/16 . . . with means for maintaining alignment between wheels and track
- 9/18 . . . with means for locking trolleys or cranes to runways or tracks to prevent inadvertent movements

11/00 Trolleys or crabs, e.g. operating above runways (runways, tracks, or trackways therefor B66C 7/00; winch mechanisms B66D)

- 11/02 . . . with operating gear or operator's cabin suspended, or laterally offset, from runway or track
- 11/04 . . . Underhung trolleys (power-operated hoists with driving motor and drum or barrel contained in a common housing B66D 3/20)
- 11/06 running on monorails (overhead railway systems B61B)
- 11/08 . . . with turntables
- 11/10 equipped with jibs (jib cranes B66C 23/00)
- 11/12 . . . having hoisting gear adapted to special load-engaging elements and not otherwise provided for
- 11/14 . . . adapted to operate on crane or bridge structure of particular configuration, e.g. on reinforced concrete girders of rectangular cross-section
- 11/16 . . . Rope, cable, or chain drives for trolleys; Combinations of such drives with hoisting gear
- 11/18 comprising endless ropes or cables
- 11/20 Arrangements, e.g. comprising differential gears, enabling simultaneous or selective operation of travelling and hoisting gear; Arrangements using the same rope or cable for both travelling and hoisting, e.g. in Temperley cranes (power transmissions between driving motors and winch drums B66D 1/14)
- 11/22 actuated pneumatically or hydraulically
- 11/24 with means for locating or sustaining the loads or trolleys in predetermined positions; Hay hoists
- 11/26 Abutments; Stop blocks; End stops

13/00 Other constructional features or details

- 13/02 . Devices for facilitating retrieval of floating objects, e.g. for recovering craft from water (equipment for handling lifeboats or the like B63B 23/00; loading or unloading floating cargo using ship-based equipment B63B 27/36; salvaging, or hauling-out on slipways, waterborne vessels B63C; winding mechanism controls B66D 1/52)
- 13/04 . Auxiliary devices for controlling movements of suspended loads, or for preventing cable slack
- 13/06 . . for minimising or preventing longitudinal or transverse swinging of loads
- 13/08 . . for depositing loads in desired attitudes or positions
- 13/10 . . for preventing cable slack (control devices for rope, cable, or chain winding mechanisms, e.g. for controlling tension, B66D 1/40)
- 13/12 . Arrangements of means for transmitting pneumatic, hydraulic, or electric power to movable parts or devices (devices of general interest specially adapted or mounted for storing and repeatedly paying-out and re-storing lengths of material B65H 75/34)
- 13/14 . . to load-engaging elements or motors associated therewith
- 13/16 . Applications of indicating, registering, or weighing devices (in crane hooks B66C 1/40; in safety gear B66C 15/00; weighing-apparatus G01G; remote indicating in general G08)
- 13/18 . Control systems or devices (exclusively for rope, cable, or chain winding mechanisms B66D 1/40)
- 13/20 . . for non-electric drives (transmitting control pulses B66C 13/40)
- 13/22 . . for electric drives (transmitting control pulses B66C 13/40; systems or devices of general application H02P)
- 13/23 . . . Circuits for controlling the lowering of the load
- 13/24 by dc motors
- 13/26 by ac motors
- 13/28 utilising regenerative braking for controlling descent of heavy loads and having means for preventing rotation of motor in the hoisting direction when load is released
- 13/30 . . . Circuits for braking, traversing, or slewing motors
- 13/32 . . . for operating grab-bucket hoists by means of one or more electric motors used both for hoisting and lowering the loads and for opening and closing the bucket jaws (other aspects of rope, cable, or chain winding mechanisms specially adapted for actuating grab buckets B66D 1/62)
- 13/34 through differential or planetary gearing
- 13/36 Single-motor-drive control systems
- 13/38 Systems controlling independent motors
- 13/40 . . Applications of devices for transmitting control pulses; Applications of remote control devices (control in general G05)
- 13/42 . . . Hydraulic transmitters
- 13/44 . . . Electrical transmitters
- 13/46 . . Position indicators for suspended loads or for crane elements
- 13/48 . . Automatic control of crane drives for producing a single or repeated working cycle; Programme control

- 13/50 . . Applications of limit circuits or of limit-switch arrangements (for winding mechanisms B66D 1/56)
- 13/52 . Details of compartments for driving engines or motors or of operator's stands or cabins
- 13/54 . . Operator's stands or cabins
- 13/56 . . . Arrangements of handles or pedals

15/00 Safety gear (for rope, cable, or chain winding mechanisms B66D 1/54)

- 15/02 . for retaining load-engaging elements in the event of rope or cable breakage
- 15/04 . for preventing collisions, e.g. between cranes or trolleys operating on the same track
- 15/06 . Arrangements or use of warning devices [2]

Kinds or types of cranes (adaptations of girders or of track-supporting structures B66C 6/00) [2]**17/00 Overhead travelling cranes comprising one or more substantially-horizontal girders the ends of which are directly supported by wheels or rollers running on tracks carried by spaced supports**

- 17/04 . with lifting beams, e.g. slewable beams, carrying load-engaging elements, e.g. magnets, hooks (constructions of load-engaging elements B66C 1/00, B66C 3/00)
- 17/06 . specially adapted for particular purposes, e.g. in foundries, forges; combined with auxiliary apparatus serving particular purposes (B66C 17/04 takes precedence)
- 17/08 . . for charging treatment chambers, e.g. furnaces, kilns, ovens (charging furnaces in general F27D 3/00)
- 17/10 . . for transporting ladles
- 17/12 . . for handling workpieces, e.g. ingots, which require to be supported temporarily within, or withdrawn from, a treatment chamber, e.g. tong cranes, soaking-pit cranes, stripper cranes (for manipulating ingots during forging B66C 17/18; grippers for handling or stripping castings or ingots during manufacture B22D 29/00)
- 17/14 . . . Tong cranes with means for moving article-pushers relative to the tongs
- 17/16 . . . Tong cranes with means for turning the tongs about a vertical axis
- 17/18 . . for manipulating workpieces during forging operations (workpiece manipulators in forging machines B21J 13/10)
- 17/20 . . for hoisting or lowering heavy load carriers, e.g. freight containers, railway wagons
- 17/22 . . for hoisting or lowering locomotives
- 17/24 . . for building ships on slipways
- 17/26 . . combined with auxiliary apparatus, e.g. log saws, pushers for unloading vehicles, means for shunting railway vehicles

19/00 Cranes comprising trolleys or crabs running on fixed or movable bridges or gantries (B66C 17/00 takes precedence; base-supporting structures with legs B66C 5/00; jib cranes B66C 23/00)

- 19/02 . collapsible

- 21/00 Cable cranes, i.e. comprising hoisting devices running on aerial cable-ways** (rope or cable drives for trolleys, combinations of such drives with hoisting gear B66C 11/16; railway systems B61B; rope or cable winding mechanisms B66D 1/00)
- 21/02 . with cable-ways supported on framework swingably connected to ground-engaging elements
 - 21/04 . with cable-ways supported at one end or both ends on bodily-movable framework, e.g. framework mounted on rail track
 - 21/06 . . with one end supported on a framework movable in a curved, e.g. circular, path and the other end by a column rotatable around a vertical axis
 - 21/08 . Sag carriers or rope trolleys, suspended or not, e.g. fixed but offering clearance for travelling gear
 - 21/10 . . travelling
- 23/00 Cranes comprising essentially a beam, boom, or triangular structure acting as a cantilever and mounted for translatory or swinging movements in vertical or horizontal planes or a combination of such movements, e.g. jib cranes, derricks, tower cranes** (base-supporting structures with legs B66C 5/00)

Note

Group B66C 23/64 takes precedence over groups B66C 23/02 to B66C 23/16. [5]

- 23/02 . with non-adjustable and non-inclinable jibs mounted solely for slewing movements
- 23/04 . with jibs the effective length of which is variable in operation, e.g. longitudinally displaceable, extensible
- 23/06 . with jibs mounted for jibbing or luffing movements
- 23/08 . . and adapted to move the loads in predetermined paths
- 23/10 . . . the paths being substantially horizontal; Level-luffing jib cranes
- 23/12 with means for automatically varying the effective length of the hoisting rope or cable
- 23/14 with means, e.g. pantograph arrangements, for varying jib configuration
- 23/16 . with jibs supported by columns, e.g. towers having their lower end mounted for slewing movements
- 23/18 . specially adapted for use in particular locations or for particular purposes (B66C 23/02 to B66C 23/16, B66C 23/58 to B66C 23/88 take precedence) [5]
- 23/20 . . with supporting couples provided by walls of buildings or like structures
- 23/22 . . . Window cranes, i.e. adapted to be supported in window openings
- 23/24 . . . Mobile wall cranes
- 23/26 . . for use on building sites; constructed, e.g. with separable parts, to facilitate rapid assembly or dismantling, for operation at successively higher levels, for transport by road or rail (with supporting couples provided by walls or buildings B66C 23/20; mounted on vehicles B66C 23/36) [5]
- 23/28 . . . constructed to operate at successively higher levels
- 23/30 with frameworks composed of telescopic elements
- 23/32 Self-hoisting cranes
- 23/34 . . . Self-erecting cranes, i.e. with hoisting gear adapted for crane erection purposes
- 23/36 . . mounted on road or rail vehicles; Manually-movable jib cranes for use in workshops; Floating cranes (vehicle or ship aspects B60 to B63)
- 23/38 . . . with separate prime movers for crane and vehicle
- 23/40 . . . with a single prime mover for both crane and vehicle
- 23/42 . . . with jibs of adjustable configuration, e.g. foldable
- 23/44 . . . Jib cranes adapted for attachment to standard vehicles, e.g. agricultural tractors
- 23/46 . . . Mobile jib cranes with non-sleuable jibs
- 23/48 . . . Manually-movable jib cranes for use in workshops
- 23/50 . . . mounted on railway vehicles, e.g. breakdown cranes
- 23/52 . . . Floating cranes (floating dredgers E02F)
- 23/53 including counterweight or means to compensate for list, trim, or skew of the vessel or platform (counterweights or supports for balancing lifting couples B66C 23/72; equipment to decrease unwanted vessel movements B63B 39/00) [4]
- 23/58 . arranged to carry-out a desired sequence of operations automatically, e.g. hoisting followed by luffing and slewing
- 23/60 . Derricks [3]
- 23/61 . . with slewing force exerted at pivoted end [3]
- 23/62 . Constructional features or details (of dredgers E02F)
- 23/64 . . Jibs
- 23/66 . . . Outer or upper end constructions
- 23/68 . . . foldable or otherwise adjustable in configuration (B66C 23/687, B66C 23/70 take precedence) [5]
- 23/683 while in use [5]
- 23/687 telescopic [5]
- 23/69 while in use [5]
- 23/693 extensible by fluid pressure [5]
- 23/697 providing bearing means between sections [5]
- 23/70 . . . assembled from separate sections to form jibs of various discrete lengths
- 23/72 . . Counterweights or supports for balancing lifting couples
- 23/74 . . . separate from jib
- 23/76 and movable to take account of variations of load or of variations of length of jib
- 23/78 . . . Supports, e.g. outriggers, for mobile cranes
- 23/80 hydraulically actuated
- 23/82 . . Luffing gear
- 23/84 . . Slewing gear (anti-friction bearings F16C)
- 23/86 . . . hydraulically actuated
- 23/88 . Safety gear (for cranes in general B66C 15/00; for rope, cable, or chain winding mechanisms B66D 1/54)
- 23/90 . . Devices for indicating or limiting lifting movement
- 23/92 . . Snubbers or dash-pots for preventing backwards-swinging of jibs, e.g. in the event of cable or tackle breakage
- 23/94 . . for limiting slewing movements

25/00 Cranes not provided for in groups B66C 17/00 to B66C 23/00 [8]

B66D CAPSTANS; WINCHES; TACKLES, E.G. PULLEY BLOCKS; HOISTS (winding or unwinding ropes or cables for feeding or storage purposes B65H; rope or cable-winding or unwinding mechanisms for lifts B66B; hoisting devices specially adapted for suspended scaffolds E04G 3/32)

Note

This subclass covers:

- rope, cable, or chain winding or unwinding mechanisms for moving all loads except lift cages, e.g. winches for dredges;
- braking or detent devices characterised by their application for retarding, or preventing, rotary movement of a winding drum or barrel.

1/00	Rope, cable, or chain winding mechanisms; Capstans (portable or mobile lifting or hauling appliances B66D 3/00)	1/64	. . . by means of a single rope or chain
1/02	. Driving gear	1/66	. . . driven by a single motor
1/04	. . manually operated	1/68	. . . driven by two motors
1/06	. . . Safety cranks for preventing unwanted crank rotation and subsequent lowering of the loads	1/70	. . . driven through planetary or differential gearings
1/08	. . incorporating fluid motors	1/72	. . Anchor-chain sprockets; Anchor capstans
1/10	. . . Steam driving gear	1/74	. . Capstans
1/12	. . incorporating electric motors	1/76	. . . having auxiliary drums or barrels for storing the ropes or cables
1/14	. . Power transmissions between power sources and drums or barrels	1/78	. . . for shunting, e.g. in marshalling yards
1/16	. . . the drums or barrels being freely rotatable (B66D 1/24 takes precedence)	1/80	. . for scrapers
1/18	. . . and the power being transmitted from a continuously-operating and irreversible prime mover	1/82	. . for slewing and hoisting by means of derricks
1/20	. . . Chain, belt, or friction drives, e.g. incorporating sheaves	3/00	Portable or mobile lifting or hauling appliances
1/22	. . . Planetary or differential gearings (for actuating grab buckets B66D 1/70)	3/02	. Manually-operated, e.g. lever-actuated, devices operating on ropes, cables, or chains for hauling in a mainly horizontal direction (B66D 3/04, B66D 3/12 take precedence)
1/24	. . . for varying speed, or reversing direction of rotation, of drums or barrels	3/04	. Pulley blocks or like devices in which force is applied to a rope, cable or chain, which passes over one or more pulleys, e.g. to obtain mechanical advantage (sheaves, chain wheels, pulleys F16H 55/00) [4]
1/26	. having several drums or barrels	3/06	. . with more than one pulley
1/28	. Other constructional details	3/08	. . . Arrangements of sheaves
1/30	. . Rope, cable, or chain drums or barrels	3/10	. . . Applications of braking or detent devices
1/34	. . . Attachment of ropes or cables to drums or barrels	3/12	. Chain or like hand-operated tackles with or without power-transmission gearing between operating member and lifting rope, chain, or cable
1/36	. . Guiding, or otherwise ensuring winding in an orderly manner, of ropes, cables, or chains	3/14	. . lever-operated
1/38	. . . by means of guides movable relative to drum or barrel (B66D 1/395 takes precedence) [3]	3/16	. . operated by an endless chain passing over a pulley or a sprocket
1/39	. . . by means of axially-movable drums or barrels (B66D 1/395 takes precedence) [3]	3/18	. Power-operated hoists
1/395	. . . by means effecting both guiding and tensioning of ropes, cables or chains [3]	3/20	. . with driving motor, e.g. electric motor, and drum or barrel contained in a common housing
1/40	. . Control devices	3/22	. . . with variable-speed gearing between driving motor and drum or barrel
1/42	. . . non-automatic	3/24	. . Applications of limit switches
1/44	. . . . pneumatic or hydraulic	3/26	. . Other details, e.g. housings
1/46	. . . . electric	5/00	Braking or detent devices characterised by their application to lifting or hoisting gear, e.g. for controlling the lowering of loads (for pulley blocks B66D 3/10)
1/48	. . . . automatic	5/02	. Crane, lift, hoist, or winch brakes operating on drums, barrels, or ropes
1/50	. . . . for maintaining predetermined rope, cable, or chain tension, e.g. in ropes or cables for towing craft, in chains for anchors; Winding or mooring winch-cable tension control	5/04	. . actuated by centrifugal force
1/52	. . . . for varying rope or cable tension, e.g. when recovering craft from water	5/06	. . with radial effect (B66D 5/20 takes precedence)
1/54	. Safety gear	5/08	. . . embodying blocks or shoes
1/56	. . Adaptations of limit switches	5/10	. . . embodying bands
1/58	. . responsive to excess of load	5/12	. . with axial effect (B66D 5/22 takes precedence)
1/60	. adapted for special purposes	5/14	. . . embodying discs
1/62	. . for actuating grab buckets (electrical control in cranes B66C 13/32)	5/16	. . for action on ropes or cables

5/18	. . . for generating braking forces which are proportional to the loads suspended; Load-actuated brakes	5/26	. . . . pneumatic or hydraulic
5/20	. . . with radial effect	5/28	. . . . specially adapted for winding gear, e.g. in mining hoists
5/22	. . . with axial effect	5/30	. . . electrical
5/24	. . . Operating devices	5/32	. Detent devices
		5/34	. . having latches

B66F HOISTING, LIFTING, HAULING, OR PUSHING, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR, E.G. DEVICES WHICH APPLY A LIFTING OR PUSHING FORCE DIRECTLY TO THE SURFACE OF A LOAD (mounting artificial islands on piles or like supports E02B 17/00; scaffolds combined with lifting devices E04G 1/22, E04G 3/28; lifting devices for sliding forms E04G 11/24; lifting of buildings E04G 23/06; shores or struts E04G 25/00; lifts or other hoisting devices on ladders E06C 7/12; props for mining E21D 15/00)

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MASTED LIFTING-PLATFORM OR FORK-LIFT TRUCKS.....	9/06	OTHER HOISTING, LIFTING, HAULING, OR PUSHING.....	19/00

1/00	Devices, e.g. jacks, for lifting loads in predetermined steps	3/36	. . . . Load-engaging elements [3]
1/02	. with locking elements, e.g. washers, co-operating with posts	3/38	. . . . adjustable relative to piston [3]
1/04	. . the posts being toothed	3/40	. . . . inflatable (connection of valves to inflatable elastic bodies B60C 29/00) [3]
1/06	. . . and the devices being actuated mechanically	3/42	. . . with self-contained pumps, e.g. actuated by hand [3]
1/08	. . . and the devices being operated by fluid pressure	3/43	. . Pyrotechnical jacks [3]
3/00	Devices, e.g. jacks, adapted for uninterrupted lifting of loads (mobile jacks of the garage type B66F 5/00)	3/44	. with self-contained electric driving motors
3/02	. with racks actuated by pinions	3/46	. Combinations of several jacks with means for interrelating lifting or lowering movements
3/04	. . with several racks	5/00	Mobile jacks of the garage type mounted on wheels or rollers
3/06	. . with racks comprising pivotable toothed sections or segments, e.g. arranged in pairs	5/02	. with mechanical lifting gear
3/08	. screw-operated (B66F 3/44 takes precedence; gearings F16H)	5/04	. with fluid-pressure-operated lifting gear
3/10	. . with telescopic sleeves	7/00	Lifting frames, e.g. for lifting vehicles; Platform lifts (for lift-truck platforms B66F 9/06)
3/12	. . comprising toggle levers (lazy-tongs mechanisms B66F 3/22)	7/02	. with platforms suspended from ropes, cables, or chains
3/14	. . actuated through pawl-and-ratchet mechanisms	7/04	. . hydraulically or pneumatically operated
3/16	. . actuated through bevel-wheel gearings	7/06	. with platforms supported by levers for vertical movement
3/18	. . actuated through worm gearings	7/08	. . hydraulically or pneumatically operated
3/20	. . actuated through multiple or change-speed gearings	7/10	. with platforms supported directly by jacks
3/22	. Lazy-tongs mechanisms	7/12	. . by mechanical jacks
3/24	. fluid-pressure operated (water-pressure machines F03B; fluid-pressure servomotors F15B, e.g. pyrotechnical actuators F15B 15/19; hydraulic gearings F16H; cylinders, pistons F16J)	7/14	. . . screw-operated
3/25	. . Constructional features [3]	7/16	. . by one or more hydraulic or pneumatic jacks
3/26	. . . Adaptations or arrangements of pistons [3]	7/18	. . . by a single central jack
3/28	. . . . telescopic [3]	7/20	. . . by several jacks with means for maintaining the platforms horizontal during movement
3/30	. . . Positive brakes or locks [3]	7/22	. with tiltable platforms (tilting vehicles for unloading B65G 67/34)
3/32	. . . Means for avoiding excessive shocks on completion movements [3]	7/24	. for raising or lowering vehicles by their own power
3/35	. . . Inflatable flexible elements, e.g. bellows (inflatable load-engaging elements B66F 3/40; connection of valves to inflatable elastic bodies B60C 29/00) [3]	7/26	. for selective lifting of parts of vehicles (mobile garage jacks B66F 5/00)
		7/28	. Constructional details, e.g. end stops, pivoting supporting members, sliding runners adjustable to load dimensions

9/00 Devices for lifting or lowering bulky or heavy goods for loading or unloading purposes (mobile or transportable lifts in, or associated with, buildings and specially adapted to be shifted from one part of a building or other structure to another part or to another building or structure B66B 9/16; cranes B66C)

9/02 . Stationary loaders or unloaders, e.g. for sacks

9/04 . . hydraulically actuated or controlled

9/06 . movable, with their loads, on wheels or the like, e.g. fork-lift trucks (vehicle aspects B60 to B62; vehicles predominantly for transporting loads and modified to facilitate loading or unloading B60P 1/00; low-lift hand trucks for transporting goods B62B 3/06)

9/065 . . non-masted (mobile jacks of the garage type mounted on wheels or rollers B66F 5/00) [3]

9/07 . . Floor-to-roof stacking devices, e.g. stacker cranes, retrievers [3]

9/075 . . Constructional features or details [3]

9/08 . . . Masts; Guides; Chains [3]

9/10 movable in a horizontal direction relative to truck [3]

9/12 . . . Platforms; Forks; Other load-supporting or load-gripping members [3]

9/14 laterally movable, e.g. swingable, for slewing or transverse movements [3]

9/16 inclinable relative to mast [3]

9/18 Load gripping or retaining means [3]

9/19 Additional means for facilitating unloading [3]

9/20 . . . Means for actuating or controlling masts, platforms, or forks (power take-off from vehicle transmissions, combined with vehicle propulsion systems B60K) [3]

9/22 Hydraulic devices or systems [3]

9/24 Electrical devices or systems [3]

11/00 Lifting devices specially adapted for particular uses not otherwise provided for (ground-engaging vehicle fittings for supporting, lifting or manoeuvring the vehicle B60S 9/00)

11/04 . for movable platforms or cabins, e.g. on vehicles, permitting workmen to place themselves in any desired position for carrying out required operations (platforms for cleaning windows A47L 3/02; devices for rescuing persons from buildings A62B 1/02; vehicle aspects of service vehicles B60P 3/14; maintenance travellers for bridges E01D 19/10; scaffolds on an extensible substructure E04G 1/22; liftable or lowerable platforms for use on ladders E06C 7/16)

13/00 Common constructional features or accessories

15/00 Crowbars or levers

17/00 Safety devices, e.g. for limiting or indicating lifting force

19/00 Hoisting, lifting, hauling, or pushing, not otherwise provided for

19/02 . Hauling using anchors; Anchors therefor (marine anchors B63B 21/24; anchoring aircraft B64F 1/12; means for anchoring structural elements specially adapted to foundation engineering E02D 5/74) [3]