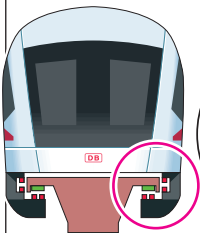


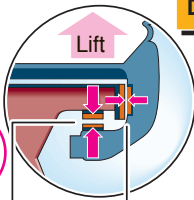
Magnetic train crashes in Germany

An elevated Transrapid train carrying 29 people has crashed on a test track in northern Germany, killing at least 15 people. The train, which floats on a monorail via a magnetic levitation system called Maglev, was going at 200km/h when it hit a maintenance vehicle on the track

HOW MAGLEV TRAINS WORK



Opposite poles on magnets keep train above track



Side magnets stabilise train

Forward motion: Electric current in track magnets switched on and off 100,000 times per second produces frictionless, forward motion

Friday, 08:00GMT: Accident on 32km-long track from Lathen to Doerpen. Death toll expected to rise to 21 people

