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Subject: A probably simple question about pick semantics

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I wanted to pass a Vector by reference to a template function, but the Vector is lost :

.cpp file

```
Vector<double> v;  
v << 1;
```

```
Test(v);
```

.h file

```
template <class T>  
void Test(T v)  
{  
    // Nothing done  
}
```

After calling to Test(), Vector v contents disappear.

When debugging you can see than before jumping to Test(), the compiler call to Vector pick constructor:

```
Vector(pick_ Vector& v)    { Pick(v); }
```

and before leaving Test(), the compiler calls Vector destructor:

```
~Vector() { ....
```

However if Test is called with a pointer to Vector, v contents remains.

```
Test(&v)
```

What could we do to call the templated function without losing Vector contents?

Thank you

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