

Abstract of the Disclosure

The chain conveyor comprises a roller chain and a supporting rail adapted to vertically support the roller chain. The roller chain is provided with a plurality of roller members which are connected to each other by means of strap members. In order to laterally guide the roller chain with respect to the supporting rail, discrete guide elements are provided. These guide elements comprise a guide cam which protrudes the strap members of the upper run of the roller chain downwards towards the supporting rail. Moreover, the guide elements comprise supporting pin members which laterally project from the guide elements. The guide elements are located between the roller members and fixed to the strap members. The guide cam engages a longitudinal groove provided at the top of the supporting rail, while the lateral supporting pin members vertically support the lower run of the roller chain with the help of auxiliary rail members provided on the supporting rail.