[0038] A third aspect of the invention relates to a machine gun comprising a feed channel comprising a main slip surface for an ammunition belt, lateral faces guiding, in use, the ammunition belt, and one or more holding surfaces for the belt positioned at the top edge of the lateral faces, said holding surfaces facing the slip surface and said holding surfaces being open, so as to allow the introduction of the ammunition belt. The holding surfaces can be disposed in such a way that the introduction of the belt requires either the elastic deformation of the holding surface or surfaces or the separation of the holding surface or surfaces.

[0039] Advantageously, at least one of the holding surface or surfaces is retractable, leaving free at least one top edge of the lateral faces, so as to facilitate the positioning of an ammunition belt.

[0040] Alternatively, the holding surface or surfaces are narrow and elastic, allowing an introduction "by force" of the belt.

[0041] Preferably, the holding surface or surfaces of the belt belong to runners along top edges of the lateral faces of the feed channel, at least one of these runners being retractable.

[0042] Advantageously, the retractable runner or runners are held along lateral faces of the feed channel by elastic means.

[0043] Preferably, the retractable runner or runners have an inclined top surface allowing the ammunition belt to be put in place by simply pressing the latter against the inclined surface of the runner.

[0044] Advantageously, the retractable runner or runners have a chamfer in the portion corresponding to the entry of the belt into the feed channel allowing an ammunition belt to be removed by twisting the belt.

[0045] A fourth aspect of the invention relates to a firearm comprising a frame body having an essentially tubular geometry.

[0046] Advantageously, the firearm comprises a feed channel and a cover disposed laterally, inclined toward the outside relative to the vertical, the axis of opening of the cover being essentially vertical.

[0047] Preferably, the firearm according to the invention comprises, on its top face, a fixed accessory assembly interface, this interface being preferably able to comprise a rail of Picatinny type.