

IMPROVED MULTIFUNCTIONAL CONVEYING DEVICE

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The invention relates to the technical field of transport equipment, in particular
5 to an improved multifunctional conveying device.

BACKGROUND

[0002] Conveying mechanisms are widely used in reverse vending machines to convey
bottles forward or convey bottles backward, and serve as the background in recognition
10 chambers of the reverse vending machines.

SUMMARY

Technical problem

[0003] When a reverse vending machine is used, a conveying mechanism in
15 prolonged contact with bottles gets dirty easily. Therefore, the conveying mechanism needs to
be cleaned and maintained regularly, or else its recognition accuracy and user experience will
be affected. If a belt of the conveying mechanism fails, the belt needs to be replaced. However,
the commonly used conveying mechanisms on the market currently are complex in structure
and inconvenient to disassemble and assemble, such as a beverage bottle conveying device
20 with publication number CN216637816U, its driving and driven wheel assemblies are mounted
by an integrated support, and in operation, the driving wheels have greater and faster wear than
the driven wheels, so the frequency of maintenance required for the driving wheels is
significantly higher than that for the driven wheels. Because the supports for the driving and
driven wheels at present are integrated, whether a driving wheel or a driven wheel is maintained
25 requires disassembling an entire large support, which increases the difficulty and complexity
of maintenance. In addition, because the conveying device is V-shaped, transmission by a cross
universal shaft, on the one hand, results in a complex structure and difficult maintenance, and
on the other hand, produces some transmission errors in the presence of angles.

Technical solution:

30 [0004] To solve the above problems, the objective of the invention is to provide an
improved multifunctional conveying device, which simplifies the structure by means of a
flexible axle for transmission, and facilitates separate maintenance of driving wheels and driven

wheels by transforming the integrated support into independent driving wheel supports and driven wheel supports.

[0005] The invention is implemented by the following method: An improved multifunctional conveying device includes a V-shaped main frame, one conveyor belt is provided on left portion and right portion of the main frame respectively, and driven wheels of the two conveyor belts are mounted at one end of the main frame; driving wheels of the two conveyor belts are mounted at the other end of the main frame and driven by a driving mechanism, driving wheel supports are provided on two sides of the end of the main frame where the driving wheels are mounted, driven wheel supports are provided at the end of the main frame where the driven wheels are mounted, the driven wheels are mounted on the main frame by means of the driven wheel supports, the driving wheels are mounted on the main frame by means of the cooperation of the driving wheel supports and the main frame, and the two driving wheels are in transmission connection by means of a flexible axle.

[0006] Preferably, driving wheel support connecting portions are symmetrically provided on two sides of the end of the main frame away from the driven wheels, and the driving wheel supports are mounted on the main frame by means of the driving wheel support connecting portions.

[0007] Preferably, the driving wheel support connecting portion is provided with a connecting groove, the driving wheel support includes a driving mechanism mounting seat, one end of the driving mechanism mounting seat protrudes with a connecting protrusion, and the connecting protrusion penetrates into the connecting groove; and the driving mechanism is fixed on the driving mechanism mounting seat of one of the driving wheel supports.

[0008] Preferably, metal sections are provided at two ends of the flexible axle, the metal sections insert into axle holes of the two driving wheels respectively, and the metal section at one end passes through the corresponding driving wheel and is connected to an output shaft of the driving mechanism.

[0009] Preferably, a peripheral surface of the metal section is hexagonal, and a cross-section of the axle hole of the driving wheel is also hexagonal and matches the peripheral surface of the metal section.

[0010] Preferably, a shaft connecting hole is formed at an end, connected to the output shaft of the driving mechanism, of the metal section, and a set screw is provided on a side wall.

[0011] Preferably, the driven wheel support includes first driven wheel connecting blocks and a second driven wheel connecting block; the second driven wheel connecting block is arranged at a bend of the end, connected to the driven wheels, of the main frame; one of the

first driven wheel connecting blocks is arranged on two sides of the end, connected to the driven wheels, of the main frame, respectively; and the driven wheel is mounted between the first driven wheel connecting block and the second driven wheel connecting block.

[0012] Preferably, a cross-section of the first driven wheel connecting block is U-shaped, and connecting holes are symmetrically formed on two side walls of the U-shape; the structure of the second driven wheel connecting block is formed by splicing the two first driven wheel connecting blocks side by side; a guide rod on one side of the driven wheel is inserted into the connecting hole of the first driven wheel connecting block, and a guide rod on the other side of the driven wheel is inserted into the connecting hole of the second driven wheel connecting block.

[0013] Preferably, a tension spring is provided over the guide rod of the driven wheel. Beneficial effects:

[0014] Beneficial effects of the invention are as follows: The invention provides an improved multifunctional conveying device. Compared with the prior art, the invention has at least the following technical effects: a cross universal shaft is replaced with the flexible axle manufactured from hexagonal metal sections and a metal flexible axle, which simplifies the overall assembly and synchronizes the transmission speeds of the left and right wheels. By transforming an existing integrated support into the driving wheel supports and the driven wheel supports mounted separately, the driving wheels can be maintained separately without overall disassembly, which facilitates maintenance by maintenance personnel and effectively reduces work intensity. The driven wheels are mounted separately at the front end of the main frame by means of the first driven wheel connecting blocks and the second driven wheel connecting block, so that the driven wheels can be maintained separately, which facilitates maintenance by maintenance personnel and improves the efficiency of maintenance.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0015] FIG. 1 is a schematic structural diagram of an improved multifunctional conveying device of the invention.

[0016] FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view taken along line A-A in FIG. 1.

[0017] FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken along line B-B in FIG. 1.

[0018] FIG. 4 is a partially enlarged view of part C in FIG. 3.

[0019] FIG. 5 is a schematic diagram of component decomposition of the improved multifunctional conveying device of the invention.

[0020] FIG. 6 is a bottom view of the improved multifunctional conveying device of

the invention.

[0021] Reference numerals: 1 - main frame, 11 - connecting groove, 2 - conveyor belt, 21 - driven wheel, 22 - driving wheel, 3 - driving mechanism, 4 - driven wheel support, 41 - first driven wheel connecting block, 42 - second driven wheel connecting block, 43 - guide rod, 44 - tension spring, 5 - flexible axle, 51 - metal section, 6 - driving wheel support, 61 - connecting protrusion, 62 - driving mechanism mounting seat.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0022] Further explanation of the invention will be provided below in conjunction with the accompanying drawings and specific embodiments.

[0023] With reference to FIGs. 1 to 6, an improved multifunctional conveying device includes a V-shaped main frame 1, one conveyor belt 2 is provided on left portion and right portion of the main frame 1 respectively, and driven wheels 21 of the two conveyor belts 2 are mounted at one end of the main frame 1; driving wheels 22 of the two conveyor belts 2 are mounted at the other end of the main frame 1 and driven by a driving mechanism 3, driving wheel supports are provided on two sides of the end of the main frame where the driving wheels are mounted, driven wheel supports are provided at the end of the main frame where the driven wheels are mounted, the driven wheels 21 are mounted on the main frame 1 by means of the driven wheel supports 4, the driving wheels 22 are mounted on the main frame 1 by means of the cooperation of the driving wheel supports 6 and the main frame, and the two driving wheels 22 are in transmission connection by means of a flexible axle 5. The flexible axle 5 replaces a cross universal joint to simplify the transmission structure and greatly simplify subsequent disassembly and maintenance processes. The structure in which the driving wheel supports 6 and the driven wheel supports 4 are mounted on the main frame respectively facilitates separate disassembly and maintenance of the driving wheels 22 and the driven wheels 21, and also facilitates the adjustment on the tension of the conveyor belts 2.

[0024] With reference to FIGs. 1 to 6, preferably, driving wheel support connecting portions are symmetrically provided on two sides of the end of the main frame 1 away from the driven wheels 21, and the driving wheel supports 6 are mounted on the main frame 1 by means of the driving wheel support connecting portions. The driving wheel support connecting

portion is provided with a connecting groove 11, the driving wheel support 6 includes a driving mechanism mounting seat 62, one end of the driving mechanism mounting seat 62 protrudes with a connecting protrusion 61, and the connecting protrusion 61 penetrates into the connecting groove 11; a driving motor of the driving mechanism 3 is fixed on the driving mechanism mounting seat 62 of one of the driving wheel supports 6, which facilitates disassembly and assembly of the driving wheel supports 6 and the driven wheel supports 4 to disassemble and maintain the driving wheels 22 and the driven wheels 21 separately.

[0025] With reference to FIGs. 1 to 6, preferably, metal sections 51 are provided at two ends of the flexible axle 5, the metal sections 51 insert into axle holes of the two driving wheels 22 respectively, and the metal section 51 at one end passes through the corresponding driving wheel 22 and is connected to an output shaft of the driving mechanism 3. The flexible axle 5 is used to replace the transmission of a conventional cross universal joint and replace rotating shafts of the two driving wheels 22, so that the structures of transmission portions of the driving wheels 22 are greatly simplified to reduce the probability of failure. A peripheral surface of the metal section 51 is hexagonal, and a cross-section of the axle hole of the driving wheel 22 is also hexagonal and matches the peripheral surface of the metal section 51 to facilitate accurate transmission, so that the driving wheels 22 of the two conveyor belts rotate synchronously. A shaft connecting hole is formed at an end, connected to the output shaft of the driving mechanism 3, of the metal section 51, and a set screw is provided on a side wall to ensure stable transmission.

[0026] With reference to FIGs. 1, 3, 4, and 6, preferably, the driven wheel support 4 includes first driven wheel connecting blocks 41 and a second driven wheel connecting block 42; the second driven wheel connecting block 42 is arranged at a bend of the end, connected to the driven wheels 21, of the main frame 1; one of the first driven wheel connecting blocks 41 is arranged on two sides of the end, connected to the driven wheels 21, of the main frame 1, respectively; and the driven wheel 21 is mounted between the first driven wheel connecting block 41 and the second driven wheel connecting block 42. A cross-section of the first driven wheel connecting block 41 is U-shaped, and connecting holes are symmetrically formed on two side walls of the U-shape; the structure of the second driven wheel connecting block 42 is formed by splicing the two first driven wheel connecting blocks 41 side by side, may be

integrated or split, and has a width more than twice that of the first driven wheel connecting block 41 for forming more than twice connecting holes to facilitate assembly of guide rods 43 of the two driven wheels 21, that is, two guide rods 43; the guide rod 43 on one side of the driven wheel 21 is inserted into the connecting hole of the first driven wheel connecting block 41, and the guide rod 43 on the other side of the driven wheel 21 is inserted into the connecting hole of the second driven wheel connecting block 42, to independently mount the driven wheel 21 between the main frame 1 and the driven wheel support 4, so as to facilitate separate disassembly and maintenance of the driven wheel 21.

[0027] With reference to FIGs. 1, 3, 4, and 6, preferably, a tension spring 44 is provided over the guide rod 43 of the driven wheel 21, so that the driven wheel 21 can slide along the guide rod 43 within a certain range to adjust the force acting on the driven wheel 21 and avoid excessive force. Meanwhile, during disassembly and assembly, the tension spring can be pressed towards a middle portion of the main frame 1 to facilitate the removal of the conveyor belt 2 from the driving wheel 22 and the driven wheel 21, so that the conveyor belt 2 is not tensioned any more to facilitate the cleaning and maintenance of the conveyor belt 2. When the driven wheel 21 is not pressed, the driven wheel is automatically reset under the force of the tension spring 44, and the conveyor belt 2 can be re-tensioned. When pressing the driven wheel 21, the tension spring also facilitates easy mounting of the conveyor belt 2.

[0028] The invention has the following working principle:

[0029] The flexible axle 5 replaces an existing cross universal shaft to achieve non-linear transmission between the two driving wheels 22, and also replaces rotating shafts of the two driving wheels 22. By using one flexible axle 5 instead of three components, the conveying mechanism is greatly simplified, the probability of occurrence of possible problems in subsequent use is greatly reduced, and even if maintenance is required, the difficulty in maintenance is also reduced. An existing transmission support is replaced with the driving wheel supports 6 and the driven wheel supports 4 mounted separately, and the driven wheels 21 are mounted separately by means of the first driven wheel connecting blocks 41 and the second driven wheel connecting block 42, so that the driving wheels 22 and the driven wheels 21 can be disassembled and maintained separately but are not necessarily disassembled as a whole, which reduces the difficulty in disassembly.

[0030] The following should be noted: First, in the description of the present application, unless otherwise specified and defined, the terms "mounted", "connected", and "connection" should be understood in a broad sense, for example, the "connection" may be mechanical or electrical connection, internal communication between two components, or direct connection; the terms "up", "down", "left", "right", etc. are only used for indicating relative positional relationships; and when the absolute position of a described object changes, the relative positional relationship may change.

[0031] Second, in the accompanying drawings of the disclosed embodiments of the invention, only the structures related to the disclosed embodiments are mentioned, and other structures can refer to the usual design; and the same embodiment and different embodiments of the invention can be combined with each other on a non-conflict basis

[0032] Finally, described above are only the preferred embodiments of the invention, the scope of protection of the invention is not limited to the above embodiments, and any technical solution under the concept of the invention falls within the scope of protection of the invention.

[0033] It should be pointed out that, for those of ordinary skill in the art, many improvements and modifications can be made without departing from the principle of the invention, and these improvements and modifications should also be considered within the scope of protection of the invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An improved multifunctional conveying device, comprising a V-shaped main frame, wherein one conveyor belt is provided on a left portion and a right portion of the main frame respectively, and driven wheels of the two conveyor belts are mounted at one end of the main frame; driving wheels of the two conveyor belts are mounted at the other end of the main frame and are driven by a driving mechanism, wherein driving wheel supports are provided on two sides of the end of the main frame where the driving wheels are mounted, and driven wheel supports are provided at the end of the main frame where the driven wheels are mounted; the driven wheels are mounted on the main frame by the driven wheel supports, the driving wheels are mounted on the main frame by the cooperation of the driving wheel supports and the main frame, and the two driving wheels are in transmission connection by a flexible axle.

2. The improved multifunctional conveying device according to claim 1, wherein driving wheel support connecting portions are symmetrically provided on two sides of the end of the main frame away from the driven wheels, and the driving wheel supports are mounted on the main frame by the driving wheel support connecting portions.

3. The improved multifunctional conveying device according to claim 2, wherein the driving wheel support connecting portion is provided with a connecting groove, the driving wheel support comprises a driving mechanism mounting seat, wherein a connecting protrusion protrudes from one end of the driving mechanism mounting seat, and the connecting protrusion penetrates into the connecting groove; and the driving mechanism is fixed on the driving mechanism mounting seat of one of the driving wheel supports.

4. The improved multifunctional conveying device according to claim 1, wherein metal sections are provided at two ends of the flexible axle, the metal sections are inserted into axle holes of the two driving wheels respectively, and the metal section at one end passes through the corresponding driving wheel and is connected to an output shaft of the driving mechanism.

5. The improved multifunctional conveying device according to claim 4, wherein a peripheral surface of the metal section is hexagonal, and a cross-section of the axle hole of the driving wheel is also hexagonal and matches the peripheral surface of the metal section.

5 6. The improved multifunctional conveying device according to claim 4, wherein a shaft connecting hole is formed at an end, connected to the output shaft of the driving mechanism, of the metal section, and a set screw is provided on a side wall.

7. The improved multifunctional conveying device according to claim 1, wherein the
10 driven wheel support comprises first driven wheel connecting blocks and a second driven wheel connecting block; the second driven wheel connecting block is arranged at a bend of the end of the main frame where the driven wheels are connected; one first driven wheel connecting block is arranged on each of the two sides of the end of the main frame where the driven wheels are connected; and the driven wheel is mounted between the first driven wheel connecting
15 block and the second driven wheel connecting block.

8. The improved multifunctional conveying device according to claim 7, wherein a cross-section of the first driven wheel connecting block is U-shaped, and connecting holes are symmetrically formed on two side walls of the U-shape; the structure of the second driven
20 wheel connecting block is formed by joining two of the first driven wheel connecting blocks side by side; a guide rod on one side of the driven wheel is inserted into the connecting hole of the first driven wheel connecting block, and a guide rod on the other side of the driven wheel is inserted into the connecting hole of the second driven wheel connecting block.

25 9. The improved multifunctional conveying device according to claim 8, wherein a tension spring is provided over the guide rod of the driven wheel.