housing, said roller cutter being guided by the handling device,

- locking the roller cutter into the housing,
- applying a preload to the roller cutter.

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the roller cutter is held by the handling device by its locking member.

3. A method according to one of Claims 1 or 2, wherein it is implemented by means of a mechanized roller cutter handling device.

4. A roller cutter suited for the implementation of the replacement process according to one of Claims 1 through 3, said roller cutter bearing, permanently attached thereto, a member for locking the roller cutter within the housing in the cutting head and means for applying a preload to the roller cutter when mounted in the housing.

5. A roller cutter according to Claim 4, wherein said locking member is designed to be immobilized, so that the roller cutter constitutes a rigid block.

6. A roller cutter according to one of Claims 4 or 5, wherein the locking member includes a bayonet movable in rotation between a position for inserting the roller cutter into the housing and a position for locking the roller cutter into the housing.

7. A roller cutter according to one of Claims 4 through 6, wherein the preloading means include screws.

8. A roller cutter according to Claims 6 and 7