

**Abstract:** The invention relates to an elevator system comprising an elevator car which can be moved in an elevator shaft, a suspension means extending in the elevator shaft, a drive machine associated with the suspension means and a controllable coupling device arranged on the elevator car. The suspension means has a coupling element (46) which the  
5 coupling device can be coupled to and uncoupled from, as a result of which a drive connection between the elevator car and the suspension means can be established and released. According to the invention, the elevator system has a guide system (80) for guiding the coupling element (46) during a movement in the elevator shaft. The guide system (80) is provided with a guide (83) which is stationary relative to the elevator shaft  
10 and a runner (82) which is connected to the coupling element (46) via a connection (81) and is guided along the guide (83). The connection (81) between the coupling element (46) and runner (82) is designed such that a relative movement between the runner (82) and coupling element (46) is possible.

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