

Abstract

The invention relates to an energy chain (1) with a drive unit (9). The energy chain (1) has chain links (2) that adjoin one another in the longitudinal direction of the energy chain and can be pivoted relative to one another, each chain link comprising two lateral parts (3), which lie opposite each other in a direction transverse to the longitudinal direction, and crosspieces (4, 5), which connect the lateral parts together. The drive unit (9) has a drivable drive roller (10) with radial protrusions (11) that engage between the crosspieces (4, 5). According to the invention, the crosspieces (4) have regions (7) which are reinforced in the connection regions adjoining the lateral parts (3) of the chain links (2) and in which the strength of the crosspieces is reinforced, and the drive roller (10) is arranged and designed such that the radial protrusions (11) of the drive roller engage between the regions (7) of reinforced strength. The invention additionally relates to a system consisting of an energy chain (1) with a drive unit (9) of the aforementioned type and a storage unit (21) for the energy chain (1).

(Fig. 1)