

Excavating chain (1) for conveying of gravel (5) of ballast track bed (3) comprises a lot of hinged to each other section (15). Excavating chain (1) includes transverse guide (9) that at operation is placed at line of intersection of plane (8) of the track bed and plane (7) of rotation, provided for rest of excavating chain (1) and connected with joints (10) to longitudinal guides (12). Guide channel (13) formed with longitudinal (12) and transverse (9) guides includes the lower and the upper glide tracks (17) and end glide track (18) connecting those to each other, it goes normally to plane (7) of rotation. To provide improved operability without deterioration of joint end glide track (18) of transverse guide (9) at its end (11) adjoining longitudinal guide (12) is arranged curvilinear in direction of joint (10) in such way that end glide track (18) with longitudinal guide (12) forms acute angle α . At that for deflection of excavating chain (1) contact is provided only between excavating chain (1) and end glide track (18).