

Excavating chain (1) for conveying of gravel (5) of ballast track bed (3) consists of set of hinged to each other chains (15). Excavating chain (1) provided for rotation in plane (7) of rotation placed with inclination to plane (8) of track bed includes transverse guide (9) that at operation is placed at line of intersection of plane (8) of track bed and plane (7) of rotation, this is provided for rest of excavating chain (1) and connected with joints (10) to longitudinal guides (12). At that guide channel (13) formed with longitudinal (12) and transverse (9) guides has lower and upper glide tracks (17) that go in parallel to plane (7) of rotation and end glide track (18) that connects those to each other and go normally to plane (7). To provide improved operability without deterioration of joint guide (10) the last ones are placed lower than plane (7) of rotation that goes at middle through end glide track (18). At that deflection of excavating chain (1) in zone of joints (10) takes places exclusively due to slide friction.