

- Scraper chain conveyor consist:
  - $\bullet$  Stationary steel trough (1- 2m) connected together end to end
  - An endless chain with flight moving in the troughs,
  - Supporting structure of iron frame to support the trough

Important parts of scraper-chain conveyor

- Trough
- Endless chain
- Flights
- Motor with drive head
- Reduction gear
- Tensioning device
- Driving sprocket

#### Chain conveyor

- Main application of scraper-chain conveyor is transportation at the face and adjoining short working where they are required to withstand rigorous mining conditions.
- Where every time required to be extending the conveyor.
- Where inclination is exceeding 10 degree.

#### Chain conveyor

- Trough are jointed to each other by nut and bolts and from a rigid assembly.
- The chain consists of links and after every 3-4 links a flight is attached. links are provided with shear pins at intervals.
- The shear pin provides a safety measure against overload.
- The return and tail end of the conveyor is enclosed with sprocket drum.
- Capacity in 30 to 40 tph.
- Moving speed of Chain is 35 m/min

## Chain conveyor

- Advantages
  - Gradient upto 1 in 3 or more
  - Stronger and handled rough material
  - Strudy and durable construction
  - Small loading height
  - Possible of loading by blasting
  - Shifting during operation
  - Easily assembled and dismantled
  - Easily moved, extented or shortned.

#### Chain conveyor

- Disadvantage
  - High cost
  - High power consumption
  - Large weight
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  - Rapid wear of toughing and chain
  - Noisy
  - Degradation of mineral
  - High maintenance as high moving parts
  - Length limitation around 100 200 m
  - Inability to handle hard and abrasive material

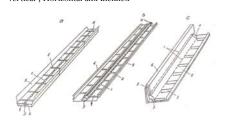
- The feeding of the conveyor may be done at any point along its length and unloading being generally done over the driving sprocket.
- Intermediate unloading can also be be done.

There are two types of scraper-chain conveyors depending on the purposes and conditions of operations

- Used for only conveying the material/load
- Used for others additional operations also.
   Guide and carries for coal cutters,

## Chain conveyor

- Types of chain conveyors depending on convying and return sides
- Vertical , Horizontal and Inclined



#### Chain conveyor

- Scraper chain conveyors may have one or two chains.
- Light and simple scraper may have one chain
- Armored and heavy duty conveyor have usually two or three chains

## Chain conveyor

Scraper chain conveyors can two types depending upon moving and shifting  $\,$ 

• Rigid:

Dismantled, transferred and reassembled

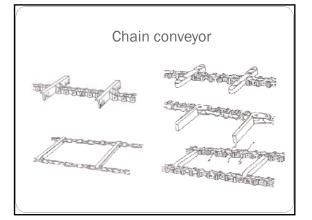
• Flexible:

Shifted without dismantling

## Chain conveyor

- Non-reversible
- Reversible

- Chains: They are used as tractive units.
- It having high breaking strength, long life, ease of assembling, dismantling and changing of damaged links
- Simple flat link
- Punched links
- Round steel links



- Drive head: An eclectic motor, reduction gear, flexible coupling, shear pin etc.
- The motor and the gear are protected against over load by shear pit, friction or hydraulic clutch or automatic cut off switches.
- $\bullet$  Tension end: The tensioning of chain is necessary to obtain reliable contact between it and the terminal sprokets and also prevent it from slipping off the sprockets

#### Chain conveyor

• Salient features of modern scraper - chain conveyors

## Chain conveyor

- Scraper chain conveyor calculations
  - 1. Size of the pan for a given capacity
  - 2. Maximum tension of the chains
  - 3. Required power of the motor
  - 4. Maximum permissible length of conveyor

## Chain conveyor

The power required to run asconveyor empty may be computed from the relation:

$$N'_{o} = \frac{2q_{o}Lf_{o}v\cos\beta}{102}$$
 [kW] (37)

 $\begin{aligned} N'_{o} &= \frac{2q_{o}Lf_{ev}\cos\beta}{102} & . & [kW] \quad (37) \\ \text{where} \quad q_{o} & \text{is the weight per meter length of chain with flights} \\ &= 11\text{-}14 \text{ kg for single chain and } 23\text{-}24 \text{ kg for double chain conveyors;} \end{aligned}$ 

 $f_{\text{c}}$  is a coefficient of friction between the chain and trough =0.25-0.3;

L is the length of the conveyor in m;

 $\beta$  is the angle of inclination of the conveyor.

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Additional power required to overcome the frictional resistance betwee the load and the trough when the conveyor is loaded over its entire length is given by the relation:

$$V_o'' = \frac{QLf \cos \beta}{367}$$

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Hence the total power required at the driving shaft of the conveye  $N_0 = kL \left[ \frac{2q_0 f_0 v \cos \beta}{102} + \frac{Q}{362} \left( f \cos \beta + \sin \beta \right) \right]$ 

k is a coefficient which takes into account addition resistances at driving and tensioning sprockets=1.05-

Knowing  $N_{\text{o}}$ , we can now determine the tractive force using equation (24) [ kg ]

 $W_o = \frac{102N_o}{}$ 

#### Chain conveyor

Dismantling and assembling of a conveyor should be carried out

- The drive head is erected
- The lower pans of sections are installed and the chain laid inside them
- The tensioning end is installed
- The lower and upper chains are joined and tensioned so that there is no sag near the sprockets
- The conveyor is subjected to an empty test run before loading it.

#### Chain conveyor

- Shifting of conveyors where there are no arrangements for mechanized shifting is one of the most laborious operation at the coal face and hence has to be well organized.
- Disconnecting and shifting the upper chain
- Disconnecting and shifting the upper pans
- · Disconnecting the lower chain and laying it alongside the lower
- dismantling, shifting and reassembling the lower pans
  laying the chains in the lower pans
- joining up the upper pans
- laying the upper chain

# Shifting of Chain conveyor Manually

#### Chain conveyor

- $\bullet\,$  conveyors should be adequate capacity and length depending of face requirements
- high grade steel should be used for pans and chains in order to reduce the weight of the conveyor and increase its life
- attempts should be made to improve existing methods or introduce new methods of mechanized shifting of the conveyors at the faces
- Drives at both ends with fluid couplings to equaily distribute the load between the squirrel-cage motors should be used for heavy
- sequence control should always be adopted
- All measures should be taken to increase the life of the pans and

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