

1 Foreword

1.1 General instructions

This guide will help you to use the RUD chain coupling safely, properly and profitably. When you follow the instructions in this guide, you will

- Increase the reliability and service life of the RUD chain coupling and the system
- Avoid dangers
- Reduce repairs and down times

This guide must

- **Be available at all times at the place of use**
- **Be read and followed by everyone who works on the RUD chain coupling**

The RUD chain coupling has been manufactured according to the state-of-the-art and in compliance with the recognized safety rules. However, improper handling or use for other than intended purpose may endanger the life and limb of the user or third parties and/or damage the conveyor system or other tangible assets.

Spare parts must fulfill the technical requirements specified by RUD Ketten. This is guaranteed in the case of original spare parts as they are subjected to continuous quality control by a quality management system certified under ISO 9001. Third party spare parts may, under certain circumstances, change the specified design characteristics of the system and lead to serious defects which, in such a case, would not be the responsibility of RUD Ketten.

Use a suitably equipped workshop for performing maintenance work. Only the manufacturer can guarantee to carry out a professional overhaul or repair.

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1.2 Use for the Intended Purpose

- The RUD chain coupling is a means of connecting RUD round steel chains.
- In stationary operation, the permitted power transfer through the chain coupling when conveying a specific material at a specific speed and with an appropriate distance between axes is specified in the order placed with RUD and in the confirmation of order by RUD. Any other use or use going beyond the intended use – for example higher conveying capacities or speeds, conveying other materials, or use under unapproved operating conditions – shall be regarded as use for other than the intended purpose.
- Usage for the intended purpose also includes complying with this fitting and operating guide, and complying with the inspection and maintenance specifications.
- RUD chain couplings must not be used to connect DIN EN 818 chains

The manufacturer shall not be liable for damage resulting from usage for other than the intended purpose. The user shall bear the risk alone.

2 Safety Instructions

2.1 Explanation of Symbols and Notices

 <p>Warning!</p>	<p>Danger to life and limb, or substantial material damage can occur if the appropriate safety instructions are not followed.</p>
 <p>Attention!</p>	<p>Undesirable consequences or working conditions can arise if the appropriate safety instructions are not followed.</p>

2.2 General

 <p>Warning!</p>	<p>Follow the safety instructions. Otherwise there is danger to the life and limb of the user and third parties, and of damage to the machine and other tangible assets.</p>
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- Mounting, dismounting, repairs, overhauls, and wear measurement may only be performed by competent persons who are familiar with the operating manuals and trained people.
- Inform the operating personnel and appoint supervisors before starting maintenance work.
- Secure machines and equipment against being started unintentionally.
- Switch off the main control systems, remove keys, and attach warning notices.
- Before mounting/dismounting work, secure the chain strand against movement. When mounting/dismounting chain equipment, a one-sided load can set the chain in motion and cause injuries which may prove to be fatal.
- Protect the working area against falling materials and components.
- When mounting and replacing individual parts or larger modules, attach and secure them carefully to the lifting equipment so that they cannot become a source of danger. Only use suitable and technically faultless lifting equipment and load hitching tackle.
- Do not stand or walk under suspended loads.
- As a rule, all components must be mounted and dismantled in an electrically dead state, unless otherwise stated. Risk of crushing!
- All parts of the plant must have cooled down to the extent that they can be touched without causing burns.

- Appoint only operating personnel with valid certificates of entitlement to hitch loads and instruct crane drivers. The spotter must remain in view of the operator or be in voice contact with him.
- The platforms provided and climbing aids complying with safety regulations must be used for assembly work above head height. Do not use machine parts as climbing aids. Wear protection against falling when performing maintenance work at great heights.
- Operating and process materials must be disposed of safely and in a way that does not harm the environment.
- As a matter of principle, no welding work is permitted to be done on round steel chains, chain couplings or case-hardened module components. The chain must not be used as a ground connection to the steel structure for electric welding.
- Welding, burning and grinding work may only be performed on the plant when this has been expressly authorized. Before starting welding, burning or grinding work, clean the plant and its surroundings of dust and combustible materials, and ensure adequate ventilation. There could, for example, be a risk of fire or explosion.
- Ensure that screw connections are tightened with the defined torque. Always check these connections with a torque wrench.
- Persons are not allowed to ride on the conveyor.
- For safety reasons, it is forbidden to make any modifications or alterations to the components without the manufacturer's authorization.
- All methods of working which are of questionable safety are forbidden.
- In addition to the operating instructions, comply with and implement the generally applicable, legal and other binding accident prevention and environmental protection regulations. For example, the handling of hazardous substances and the provision and wearing of personal protective clothing and equipment.

2.3 Care and Maintenance

- Wherever necessary, cordon off the maintenance area, allowing a wide safety margin.
- Before starting maintenance work, cordon off the working area of the machine/equipment to prevent the access of unauthorized persons. Attach or put up suitable notices advising of the maintenance work.
- Any material adhering to or remaining in the buckets can come loose and fall out. Switch off the material feed, and empty the bucket elevator before opening the inspection flaps. Wear a safety helmet while working.

3 Description

- Used for running over sprocket wheels, pocket chain wheels, grooved wheels and flat guide wheels.
- Overall dimensions approx. same as those of chain link.

Standard equipment:

- 2 link-hardened U-shackles
- 1 locking pin

The chain coupling is supplied pre-assembled.

The main parts (figure 1) are:

- Coupling shackle **61**
- Locking pin **62**

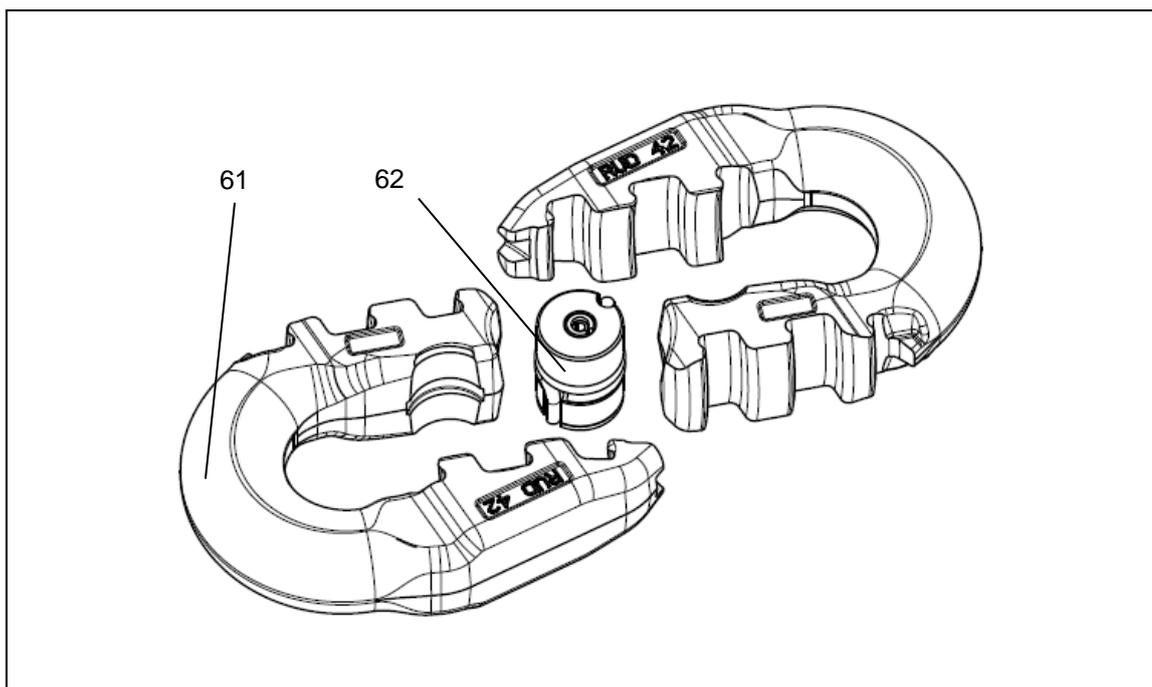
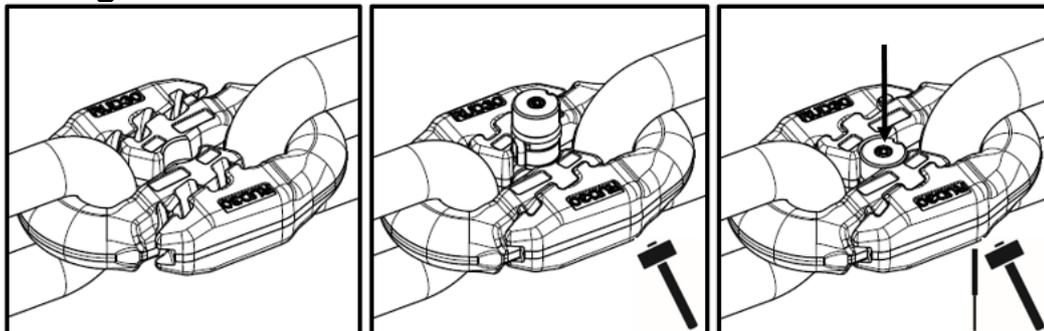


Fig. 1

4 Fitting



Step 1:
Engage the teeth.

Step 2:
Knock the locking pin in flush.

Step 3:
Knock in the locking sleeve ca. 10 mm to lock coupling.

Attention!

- Ensure that the chain couplings are fitted with the correct orientation to the sprocket wheels (fig. 3) and pocket chain wheels (fig. 5).
- Check that dimension c of coupling and wheel match (figs 2 and 4).

Coupling size d x t (mm)	Pin Ø [mm]
22 x 86	5
25 x 95	5
26 x 92	5
30 x 108	6
34 x 126	6
36 x 126	8
38 x 137	8
38 x 144	8
42 x 146	10
42 x 152	10
48 x 152	12
56 x 186	12

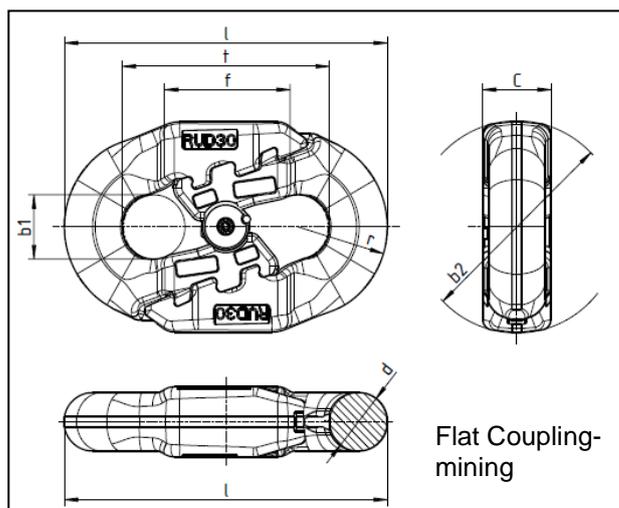


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

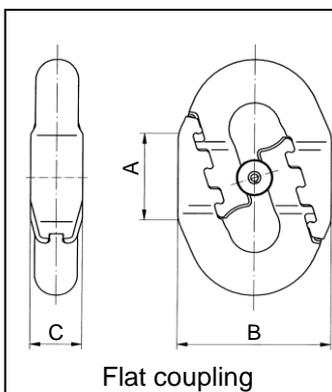


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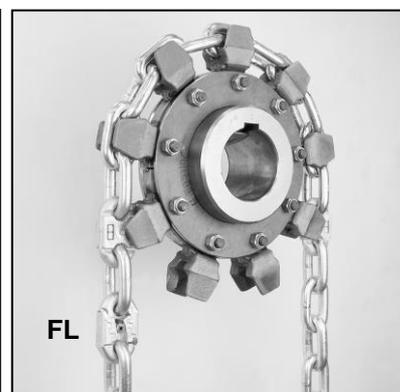


Fig. 5

Attention!

Take note of the direction of rotation of the conveyor sprocket wheel – mount with the longer leg of the coupling in the running direction pointing toward the centre of the wheel (fig. 5).

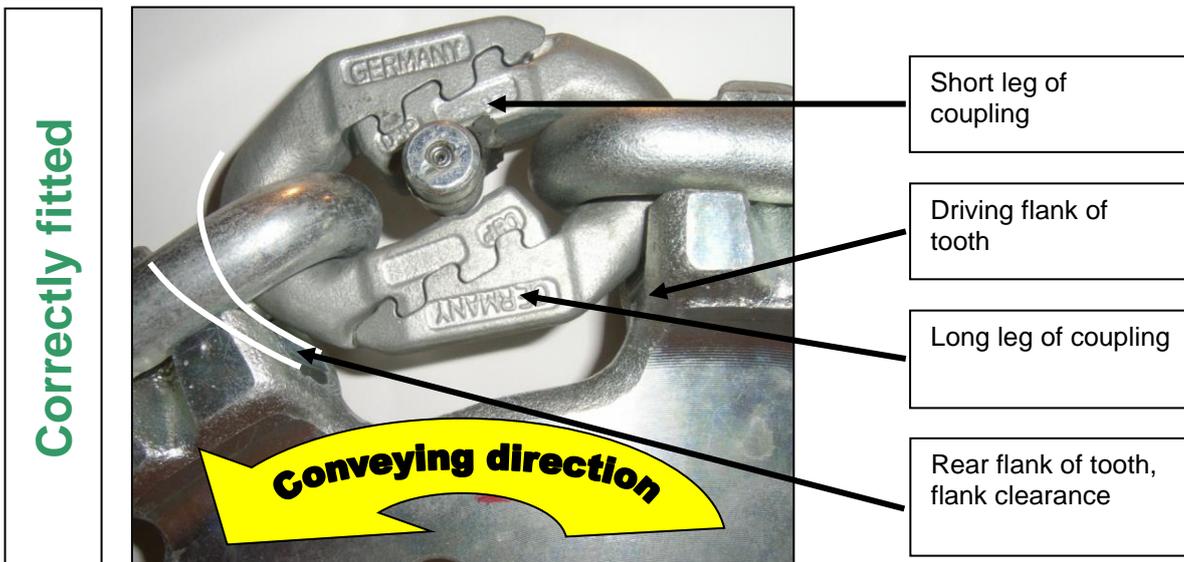


Fig. 6

Attention!

When the sprocket wheel and chain wear, the tip of the U-shackle tooth can run onto the driving flank of the tooth and break – this assembly arrangement must not be used with toothed drives (fig. 6).

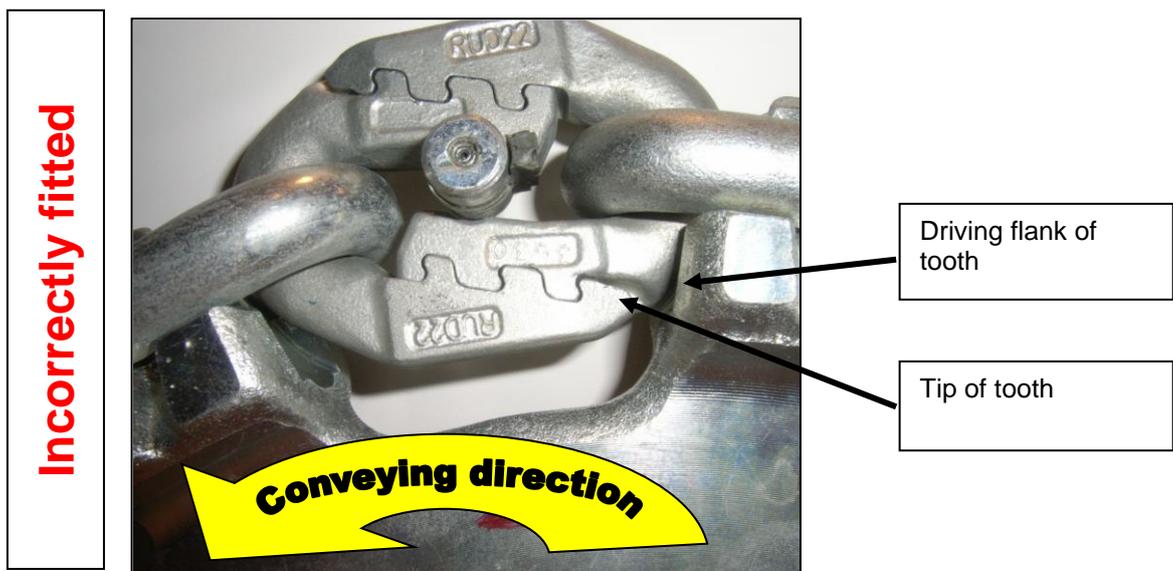
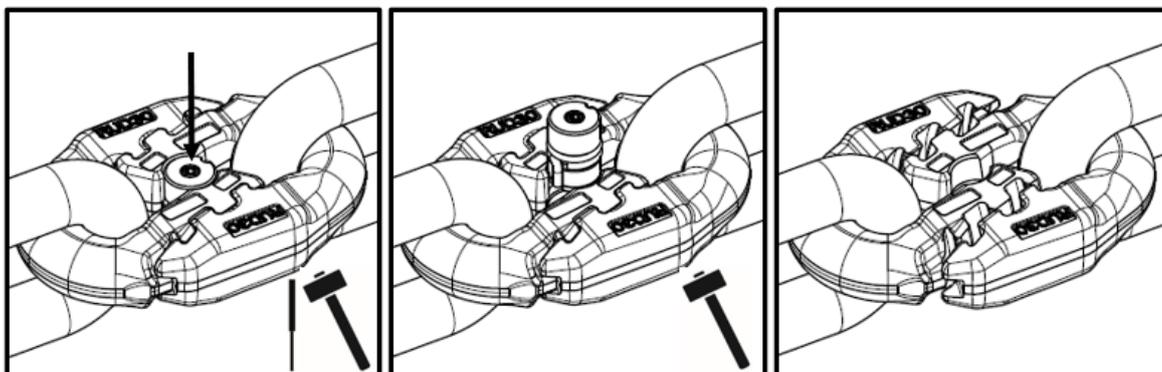


Fig. 7

5 Disassembly



Step 1:
Knock the locking sleeve out of the locking pin

Step 2:
Knock the locking pin out of the coupling

Step 3:
Disengage coupling halves

Information: Disassembly is carried out in reverse order to the assembly instructions

6 Care and Maintenance

6.1 Lubrication

Under normal circumstances, RUD conveyor chains do not require any lubrication. The chains may only be lubricated with standard engine oil. Grease must not be used. Dirty chains should be cleaned before being lubricated.

6.2 Monitoring

Examine the chain couplings every six months, or at least annually, for damage, corrosion and wear in unusual places. Pay particular attention to the condition of the screw connections and safety components. Rectify all defects found without delay.

Attention!

When screws and bolts with safety components are dismantled, they must not be remounted but replaced by new parts.

7 Wear and Replacement State of Wear

Under normal conditions, chain couplings and round steel chains reach a replacement state of wear at the same time. All the chain couplings must be replaced whenever a chain is replaced.

Attention!

The chain couplings must always be replaced when damage occurs which directly or indirectly endangers the safety or operation of the system.