

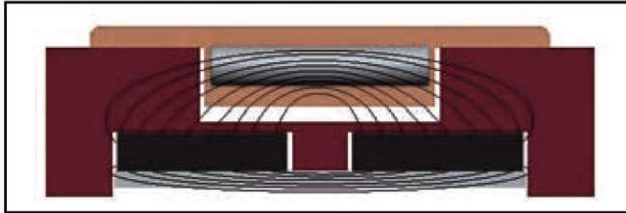
# CURVES AND STRAIGHT TRACKS

For steel and plastic sideflexing chains Rexnord offers the corresponding curve profiles. Without a doubt Magnetflex® is worldwide seen as the superior curve system. The programme also includes curves and straight tracks for Bevel and TAB chains.

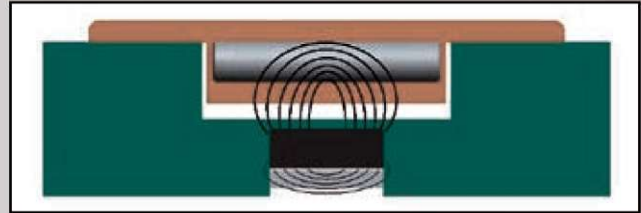
## Magnetflex® system

The MCC Magnetflex system has become the worldwide standard in the beverage industry. The great advantages of this patented system have made it the choice of the worlds leading OEMs. It is a Combi system for both plastic and steel chains. Magnets underneath the track hold the chain down in a reliable way.

Magnetflex is the only system where two magnets cover almost the complete base of the curve instead of just the track. Because the magnets are connected by a steel plate, a very broad magnetic field is being formed. Unlike other magnetic curves this results in a force that keeps down plastic chains with steel pins just as well as steel chains. Another advantage is that this magnet position only has a slight reduction in hold-down force when the chain is being lifted, in case of pollution or broken glass, without jumping from the track. Where in other systems the chains can block and jam in the curve profile due to pollution, in the Magnetflex system the chain simply lifts slightly and keeps on running. The magnets are placed in the curve at fixed angles instead of at fixed distances to make sure that no pulsation effect is being created by the magnets, when a chain is being pulled through the curve.



MAGNETFLEX CURVE WITH 2 MAGNETS FOR BETTER HOLD-DOWN OF THE CHAIN

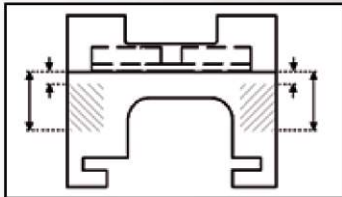


USUAL MAGNETIC CURVE WITH ONLY 1 MAGNET

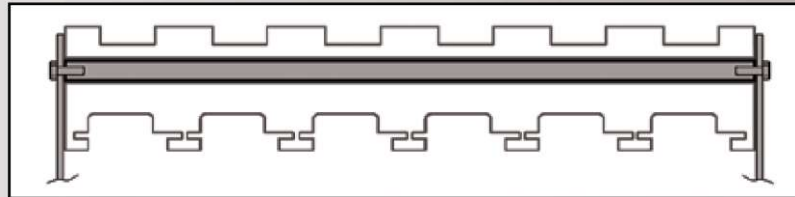
The magnets make sure that all chains lie perfectly flat in the curve without tilting. In other systems the chain tension is causing the chain to use up the play in the chain guidance, causing chain edges to lift. Especially in multiple-strand curves and with high-speed conveying this means product toppling.

Another big advantage of the Magnetflex system is the easy installation of the chains and the perfect cleanability of the system. This is due to the open and rectangular track in the curve. The chains can easily be installed from above as if the curve was a straight part of the conveyor. Also the chains can easily be lifted from the track for maintenance and cleaning, without breaking the chain or even removing it from the conveyor construction.

Magnetflex curves can be installed in the conveyor frame in different ways. The upper and return part can be supplied bolted together and with inserts to mount the assembled curve into the conveyor frame. The option most often used in multiple track curves is to deliver the upper and return part separately. They are then mounted against a conveyor crossbar. In this case both upper part and return part are equipped with inserts and/or holes. In both build-in options the hole and inserts can be standard or customer specific.

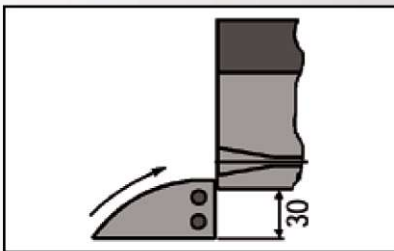


UPPER AND RETURN PART BOLTED TOGETHER

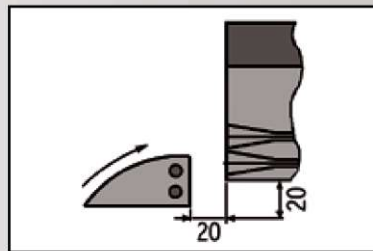


UPPER AND RETURN PART MOUNTED AGAINST A CROSS BAR

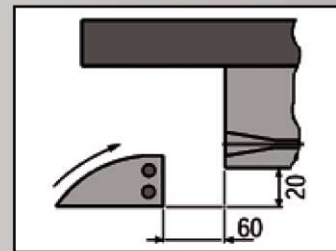
Most Magnetflex curves are equipped with a return guide shoe. This machined shoe is meant to bring the chain at the right level to enter the return part of the curve. The position of the return guide shoe is determined by the design of the return part (level or staggered) and by the chain type. A staggered design is used when the pitch between the tracks is too small to allow the chains to run at the same level in the return. In that case two levels of tracks are made in the return part: one level in which the uneven tracks (1, 3, 5 etc.) run and one in which the even tracks run. The height of a staggered return part (usually 63 mm) is always higher than that of a non-staggered return (usually 55 mm).



RETURN PART AT SAME LEVEL



STAGGERED RETURN PART



CHAINBELTS

A special execution of a Magnetflex curve is a CIP (Cleaning in Place) curve, equipped with spraying nozzles and tubes. It is opened up as much as possible to allow good cleaning of the steel or plastic chain and curve profile from the inside of the curve. The CIP curve can be integrated in an existing CIP system.