

B. WEBER'S TS500, TS700, TS750, AND weSLICE 9500 ARE COMMERCIAL EMBODIMENTS OF THE '487 PATENT

1. *Claim 1[Pre]: "A slicing apparatus for food products, the slicing apparatus comprising:"*

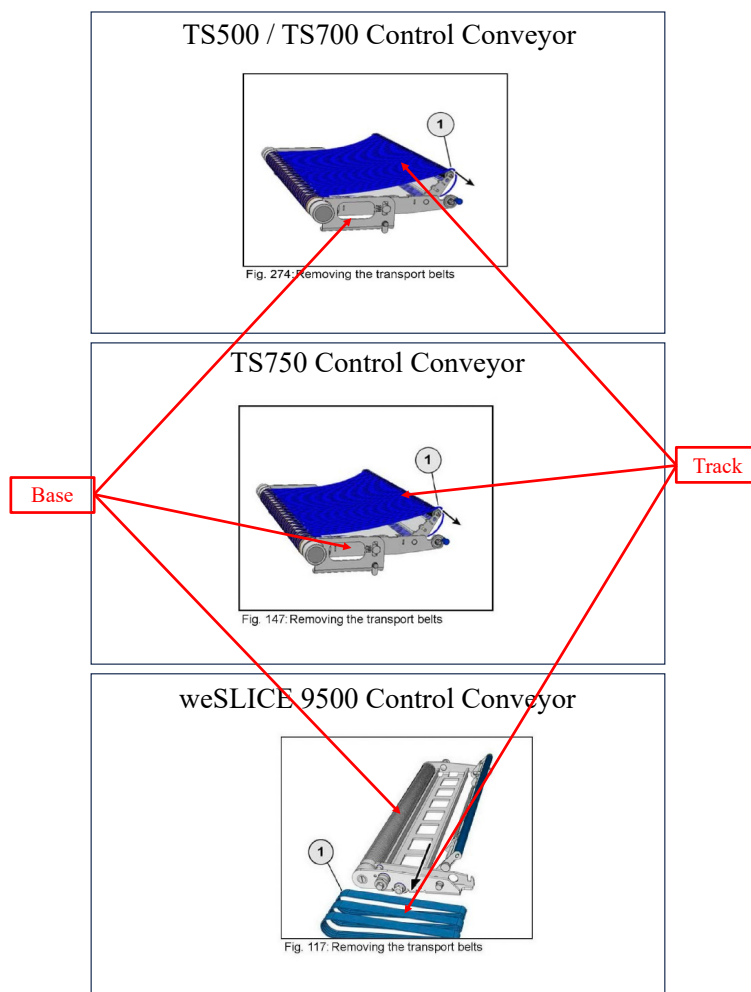
568. In general, each of Weber's TS500, TS700, TS750, and weSLICE 9500 ("Weber's Removable Conveyor Belt Products") is a slicing apparatus for food products. For example, each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Belt Products are referred to as a "slicer" according to the Operating Manual for each product. *See*, WEBER-0234545 (TS500/TS700 "Operating Manual Slicer"), WEBER3A-00024291 (TS500/TS700 "Operating Manual Slicer"), WEBER-0975142 (TS750 "Operating Manual Slicer"), and WEBER3-0090739 (weSLICE 9500 "Operating manual Slicer").

2. *Claim 1[a]: "a removable conveyor belt unit (13) having at least one track and a base (25);"*

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569. Each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Belt Products includes a removable conveyor belt unit having at least one track and a base. Specifically, each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Belt Products includes a control conveyor and a portioning conveyor. I will discuss each of these removable conveyor belt units in more detail below.

570. The control conveyor of each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Products is illustrated below. As shown, each control conveyor has a track and a base.

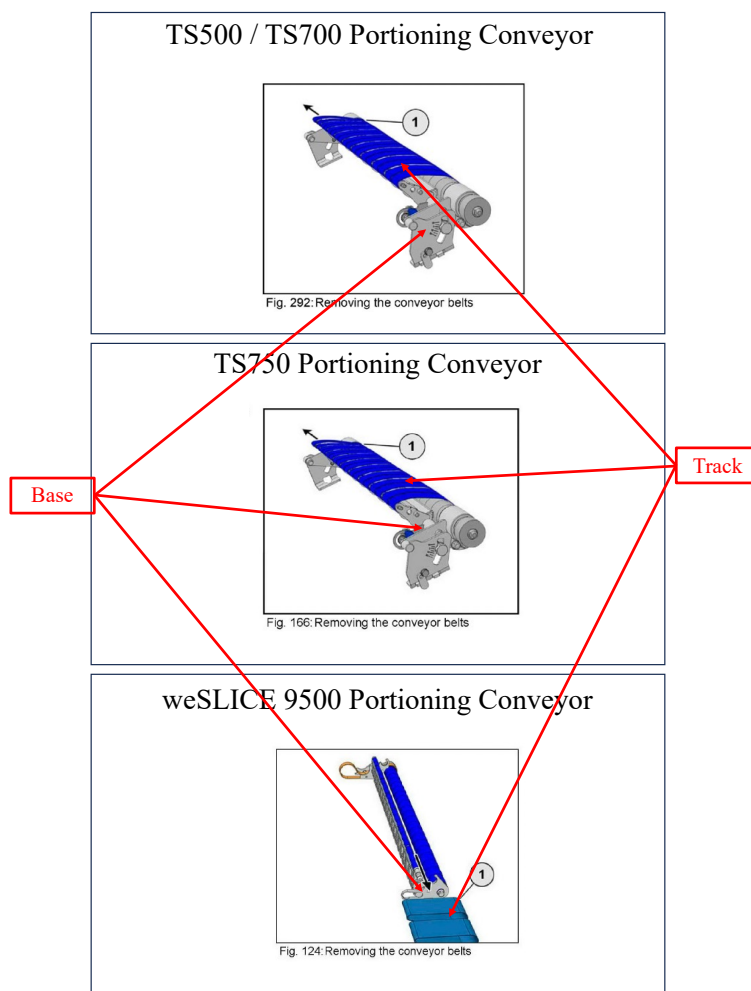


WEBER-0234545 at -234753 (top), WEBER-0975142 at -975272 (middle), and WEBER3-0090739 at -90877 (bottom).

571. The portioning conveyor of each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Products is

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illustrated below. As shown, each portioning conveyor has a track and a base.



WEBER-0234545 at -234762 (top), WEBER-0975142 at -975281 (middle), and WEBER3-0090739 at -90885 (bottom).

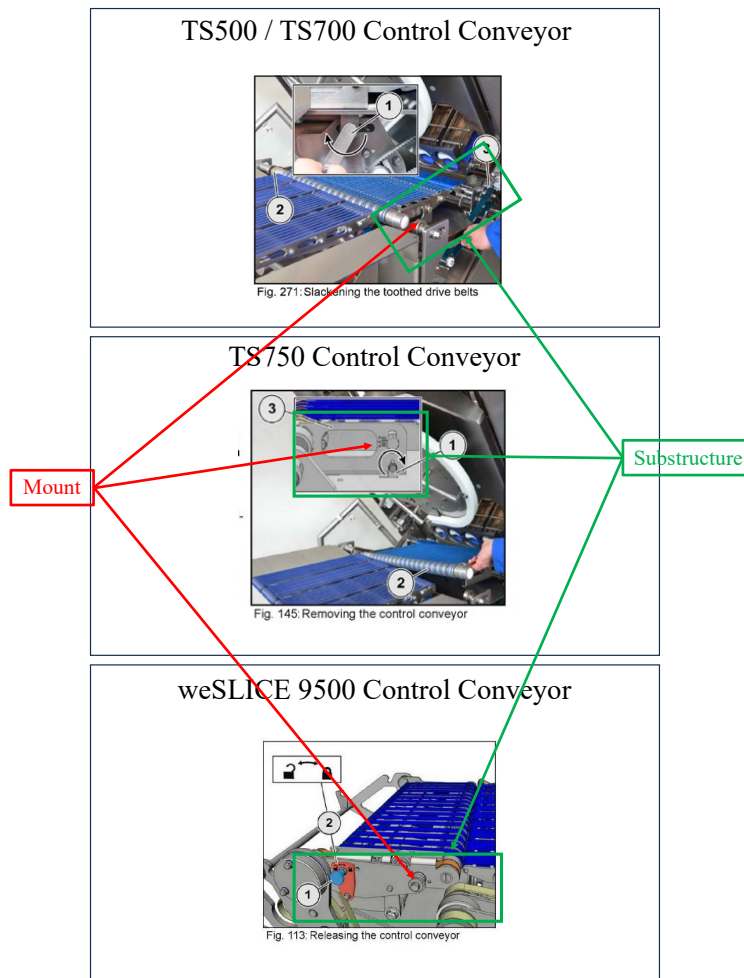
3. Claim 1[b]: “a substructure (41) having a mount (11) coupled to the base (25); and”

572. Each of Weber’s Removable Conveyor Belt Products includes a substructure having a mount coupled to the base. I will discuss each of Weber’s removable conveyor belt units in more detail below.

573. The control conveyor of each of Weber’s Removable Conveyor Products is

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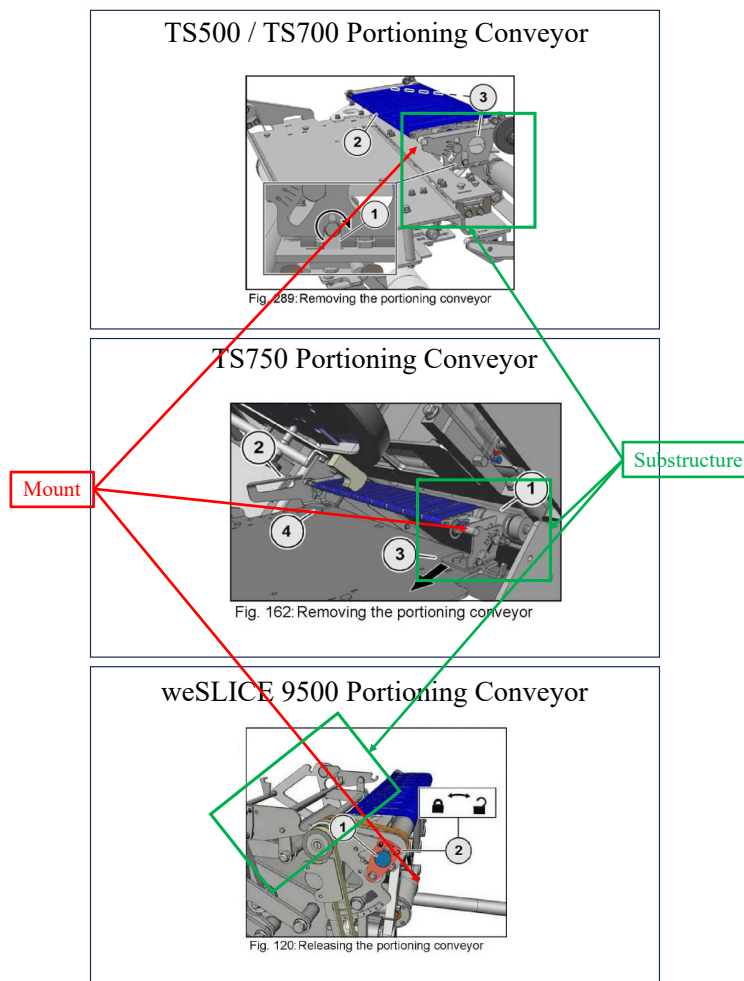
illustrated below. As shown, each control conveyor includes a substructure having a mount coupled to the base.



WEBER-0234545 at -234751 (top), WEBER-0975142 at -975271 (middle), and WEBER3-0090739 at -90879 (bottom).

574. The portioning conveyor of each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Products is illustrated below. As shown, each portioning conveyor includes a substructure having a mount coupled to the base.

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WEBER-0234545 at -234761 (top), WEBER-0975142 at -975278 (middle), and WEBER3-0090739 at -90883 (bottom).

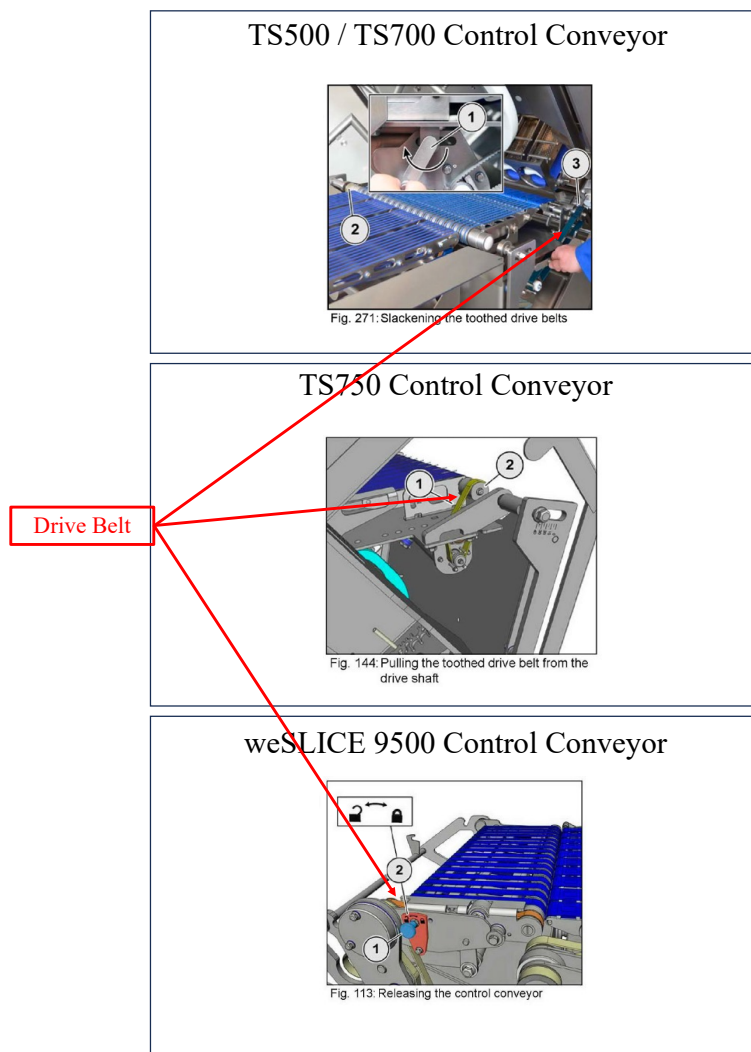
4. Claim 1[c][1]: “a drive (15) coupled to the conveyor belt unit (13) by a drive belt (27),”

575. Each of Weber’s Removable Conveyor Belt Products includes a drive coupled to the conveyor belt unit by a drive belt. I will discuss each of Weber’s removable conveyor belt units in more detail below.

576. The control conveyor of each of Weber’s Removable Conveyor Products is illustrated below. As shown, each control conveyor includes a drive coupled to the conveyor belt

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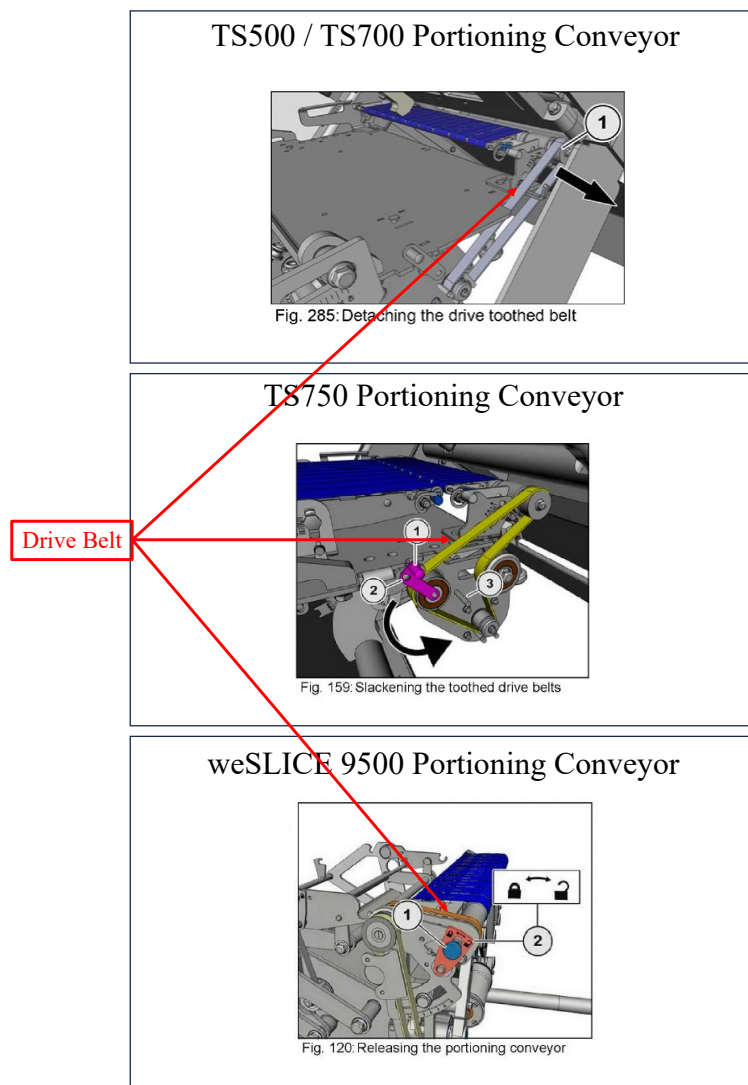
unit by a drive belt.



WEBER-0234545 at -234751 (top), WEBER-0975142 at -975271 (middle), and WEBER3-0090739 at -90879 (bottom).

577. The portioning conveyor of each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Products is illustrated below. As shown, each portioning conveyor includes a drive coupled to the conveyor belt unit by a drive belt.

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WEBER-0234545 at -234758 (top), WEBER-0975142 at -975278 (middle), and WEBER3-0090739 at -90883 (bottom).

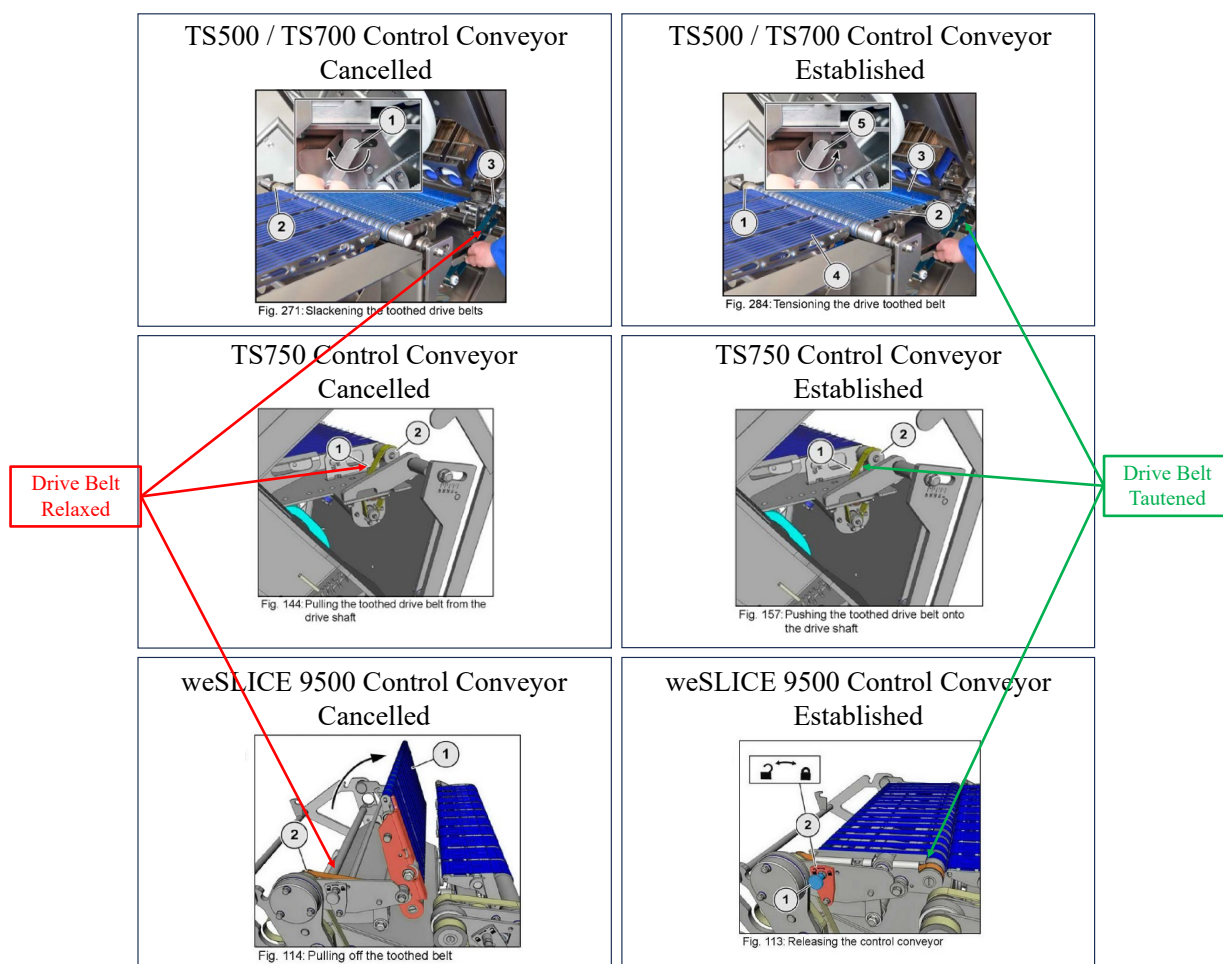
5. ***Claim 1[c][2]: “the conveyor belt unit (13) is configured to be cancelled by relaxing the drive belt (27) and is configured to be established by tautening the drive belt (27), with the relaxing and tautening of the drive belt (27) each being provided by a relative movement between the drive (15) and the conveyor belt unit (13).”***

578. Each of Weber’s Removable Conveyor Belt Products is configured to be cancelled by relaxing the drive belt and is configured to be established by tautening the drive belt, with the

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relaxing and tautening of the drive belt each being provided by a relative movement between the drive and the conveyor belt unit. I will discuss each of Weber's removable conveyor belt units in more detail below.

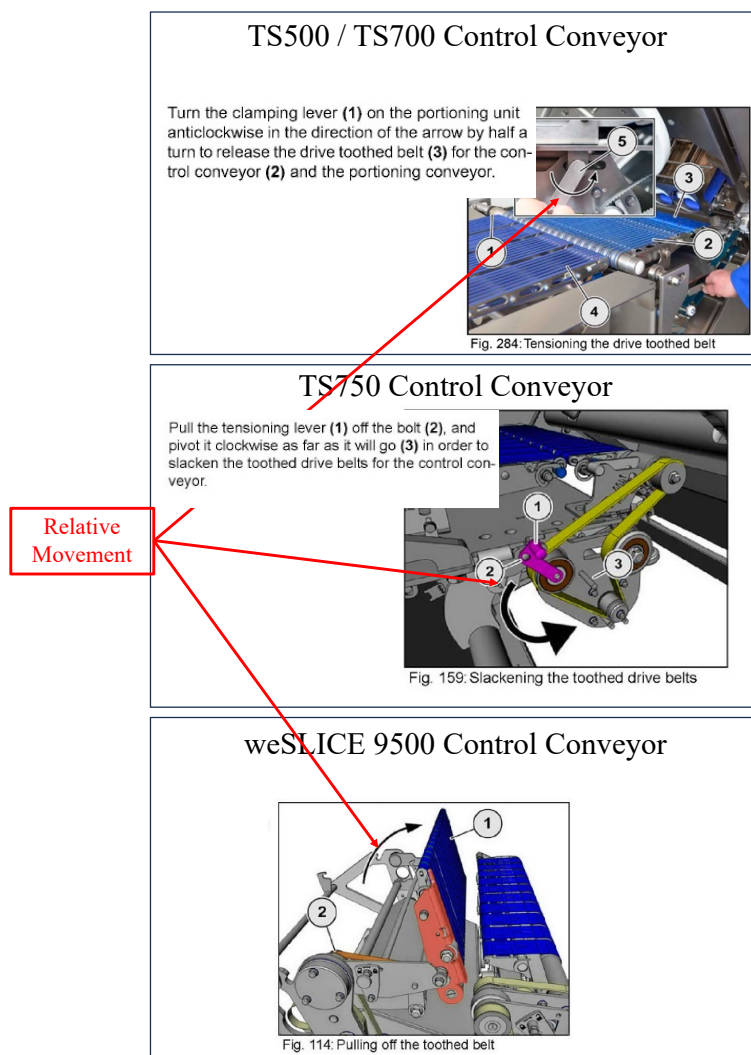
579. The control conveyor of each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Products is illustrated below. As shown, each control conveyor is configured to be cancelled by relaxing the drive belt and established by tautening the drive belt.



WEBER-0234545 at -234751 (top left), WEBER-0234545 at -234757 (top right), WEBER-0975142 at -975271 (middle left), WEBER-0975142 at -975275, and WEBER3-0090739 at -90879 (bottom).

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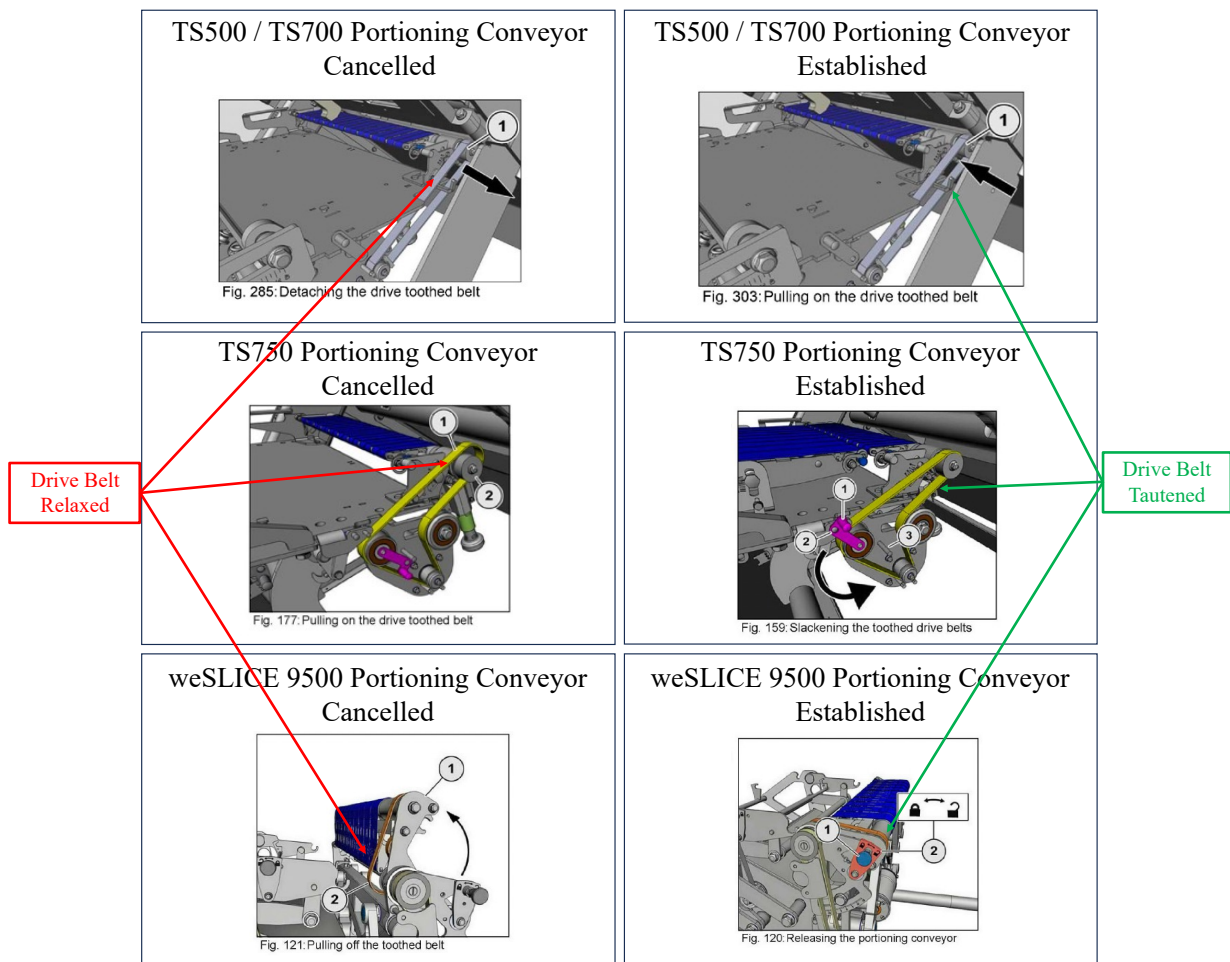
580. Furthermore, the control conveyor of each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Products is configured to be cancelled and established by a relative movement between the drive and the conveyor belt unit.



WEBER-0234545 at -234751 (top), WEBER-0975142 at -975270 (middle), and WEBER3-0090739 at -90879 (bottom).

581. The portioning conveyor of each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Products is illustrated below. As shown, each portioning conveyor is configured to be cancelled by relaxing the drive belt and established by tautening the drive belt.

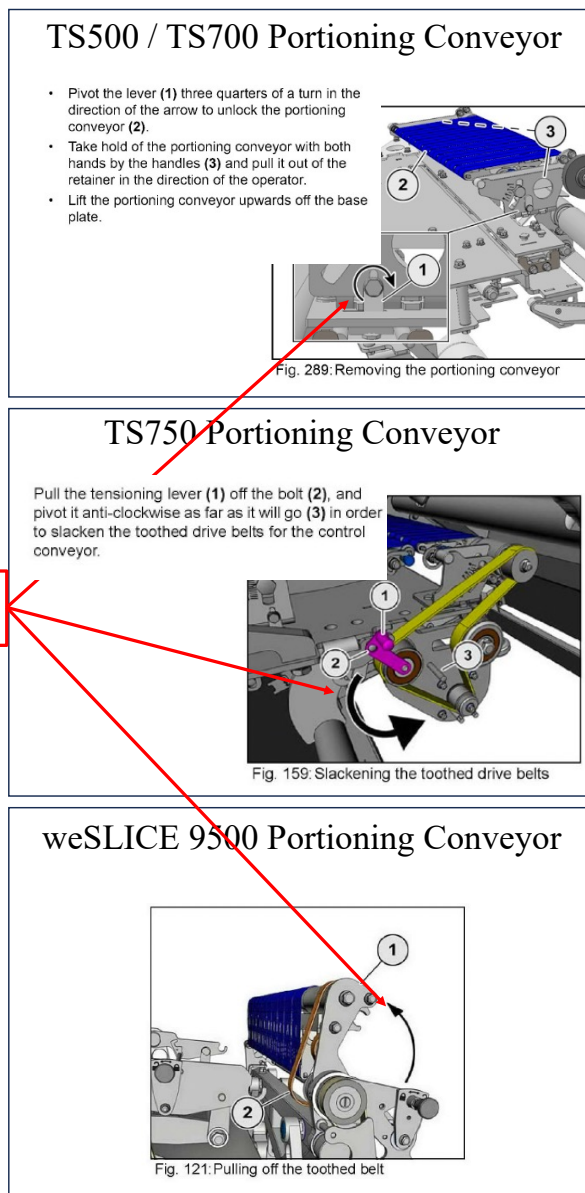
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WEBER-0234545 at -234758 (top left), WEBER-0234545 at -234766 (top right), WEBER-0975142 at -975286 (middle left), WEBER-0975142 at -975277 (middle right), and WEBER3-0090739 at -90883 (bottom).

582. Furthermore, the portioning conveyor of each of Weber's Removable Conveyor Products is configured to be cancelled and established by a relative movement between the drive and the conveyor belt unit.

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WEBER-0234545 at -234761 (top), WEBER-0975142 at -975277 (middle), and WEBER3-0090739 at -90879 (bottom).

6. ***Claim 16: “The apparatus in accordance with claim 1, wherein the conveyor belt unit (13) is configured to be removed and/or installed without tools.”***

583. Each of Weber’s Removable Conveyor Belt Products is configured to be removed and/or installed without tools. I will discuss each of Weber’s removable conveyor belt units in

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more detail below.

584. The control conveyor and the portioning conveyor of each of Weber’s Removable Conveyor Products is configured to be removed and/or installed without tools.

585. For example, the Operator Manual for the TS500/TS700 produced as WEBER-0234545 states that each of the control conveyor and the portioning conveyor can be “lifted off without tools.” WEBER-0234545 at -234751. *See also, id.* at -234756 (control conveyor), and -234758 (portioning conveyor).

586. The Operator Manual for the TS750 produced as WEBER-0975142 states that each of the control conveyor and the portioning conveyor can be “lifted off without tools.” WEBER-0975142 at -975270. *See also, id.* at -975277 (portioning conveyor).

587. The Operator Manual for the weSLICE 9500 produced as WEBER3-0090739 states that each of the control conveyor and the portioning conveyor can be removed by “hand.” WEBER3-0090739 at -90879 (reproduced below). *See also, id.* at -90844 (reproduced below).

- Pivot the control conveyor (1) upwards.
- Hold the control conveyor in this position with one hand.
- Use the other hand to pull the toothed belt (2) off the drive shaft.

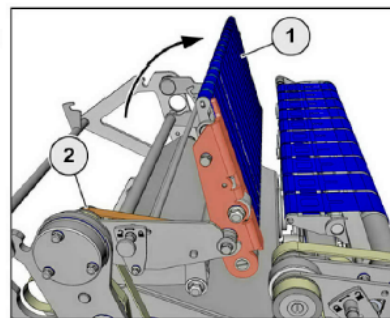


Fig. 114: Pulling off the toothed belt

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- Pivot the portioning conveyor (1) upwards.
- Hold the portioning conveyor in this position with one hand.
- Use the other hand to pull the toothed belt (2) off the drive shaft.

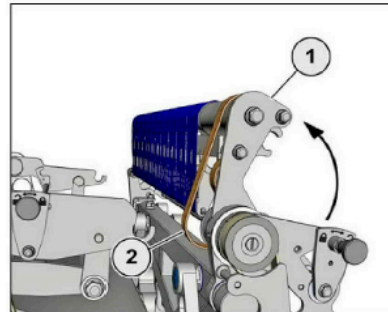


Fig. 121: Pulling off the toothed belt

- Raise the portioning conveyor (1) on the operator side (a) and remove the portioning conveyor in the direction of the operator (b).

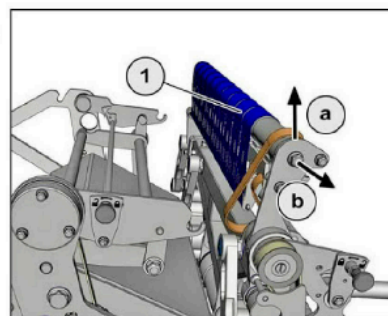


Fig. 122: Removing the portioning conveyor

WEBER3-0090739 at -90879 (top). *See also, id.* at -90844 (bottom).

