

Automotive...

It could not be easier!



The public debate on the greenhouse effect and the resulting emission limits have put pressure on car manufacturers to save as much weight as possible in each component.

Every gram counts. iglide®

plastic bearings can reduce the weight of every bearing point by a factor of seven when compared to metal solutions.

Millions of iglide® plain bearings are already used in automobile manufacturing each year. On the following pages, find a wide variety of applications with some extreme requirements, and how our high-performance plastics stand up to the challenging demands of not only weight constrints but also:

- wear resistance
- low vibration and noise
- corrosion resistance
- cost

In your search for information, check out our variety of free online tools at www.igus-automotive.com, or contact us directly for personal support in your selection for the best bearing solution.

Enjoy reading and getting ideas.

Yours Kenneth Block Automotive Product Manager



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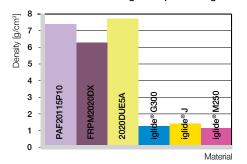
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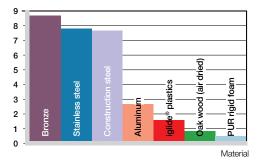


Lightweight construction with iglide®

Besides the advantages of dynamic driving, strict environmental and emissions standards compel car manufacturers to keep the weight of every component to the minimum. By replacing metallic plain bearings with iglide® plain bearings, enormous weight advantages can be immediately achieved. Every gram counts. Major weight reductions can be achieved by replacing metal bearings with iglide® bearings.

Metallic rolled DU bearings compared to iglide®







The weight of a single DU bearing is equal to that of seven iglide® bearings

Where is igus in the car?

Self-lubricating and maintenance-free iglide® plastic bearings



WINDSHIELD WIPER:

Arm and blade, kinematics

- Corrosion resistant
- Highly flexible, yet strong
- Resistant against dirt
- Economically priced



CONVERTIBLE TOP:

linkages, kinematics, locks

- Self-lubricating
- Quiet operation
- Can be used with standard bar shock shafting
- Suitable for E-coating
- No special requirement for rivet/shaft



HINGES:

Door hinges, Multi-articulation hinges

- High compressive strength
- High wear resistance
- Suitable for E-coating
- Corrosion resistant
- Economically priced



SEATS:

Seat height adjustments, crash active headrests

- Quiet operation
- High static load
- Can be used with bar shock shafting
- Suitable for E-coating
- Low precision shafting possible



CHASSIS:

Shock absorber, brakes, control arms

- High compressive strength
- Damping
- Resistant to dirt
- Economically priced



are used in a variety of automobile applications



STEERING SYSTEM:

Column adjustment, steering shaft

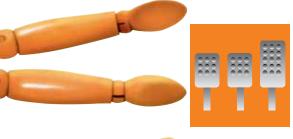
- Low coefficient of friction
- Can be used with bar shock shafting
- High rigidity
- No need for polished shafting



ENGINE COMPARTMENT:

Variable air intake, EGR (exhaust gas re-circulation), belt tensioner, throttle valve

- Long term operating temperature up to 482°F (250°C)
- Resistant to fuel, gear oils, brake fluids, etc.
- Over molding with plastic possible
- Good vibration damping characteristics



FOOT PEDALS:

Pedal, angle transmitter, sensors

- Quiet operation
- Can be used with bar shock shafting
- Low precision shafting possible





GEAR BOX:

Actuator and fork

- Vibration damping
- Resistant to gear oils
- Long term operating temperature up to 392°F (200°C)
- Economically priced

100% self-lubricating ...

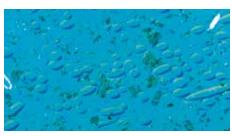
What is iglide® and what can it do?

What is iglide®?

iglide® plastic materials are tribologically optimized with solid lubricants and reinforced by specialized fibers. All iglide materials are tested thousands of times, and proven over millions of cycles. Homogenous blending means that unlike components that are lined or coated, there is no anti-friction film that can be forced apart under pressure.



iglide® plain bearings composed of a homogenous blend of a base polymer, composite fibers, and solid lubricants.



iglide® compounds: Basic polymers with fibers and solid lubricants, magnified 200 times, dyed.



What can iglide® achieve in automotive applications?

- Low weight
- Great performance ratio
- Tailor-made materials and solutions
- Low clearance bearings, exactly designed for your housing bore and shaft tolerance
- Re-calibrated bearings for equalizing tolerances on punched bores
- Preloaded bearings for equalizing tube tolerances for pedal systems
- Bearings with special damping action for bearing assemblies for control forks in transmissions
- Self-lubricating bearings insensitive to dirt in the suspension system
- One-stop shopping: research and development, application assistance, production, installation and world-wide logistics

iglide® materials for automotive

The most important materials for automotive applications are listed below. We have subdivided the materials into "groups" so as to make your choice easier. Over 7,000 standard sizes from Ø (2 mm to 150 mm) are available from stock, in over 30 materials. Inch sizes are also available from stock. Short delivery times for special sizes.



ialide® M250

- Excellent vibration dampening
- Resistant to edge loading
- Cost-effective



ialide® GLW

- Short gliding travels, high static loads
- Suitable for E-coating
- Applications: e.g. seats



ialide® RN56

- Suitable for E-coating
- Resistant to dirt
- Cost-effective



ialide® P210

- Even for soft shafts
- Low wear
- Low friction



ialide® J350

- Temperature resistant
- Wear resistant
- Impact resistant



iglide® RN248

- Suitable for E-coating
- Extremely conductive
- Wear resistant



iglide® G - general purpose

- Higher wear-resistance than ialide® GLW
- Suitable for E-coating
- Applications: convertible tops, fittings



- runnina
- Good glide surface also for all "soft" materials
- Applications: with quick rotation: seat adjustment and mirror actuators



ialide® RN89

- Conductive material for all applications with E-coating
- Applications: Seat and convertible top systems





iglide® H4

- Resistant to all fuels, gear oils and brake fluid
- Minimum moisture absorption
- Applications: throttle valves, intake manifolds



H4

iglide® T500 - material for high temperatures

- High compressive strength
- High chemical resistance
- Long term application temperature: 482°F (+250°C)



Customized:

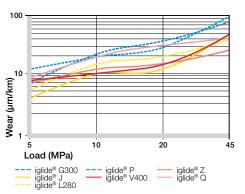
Individually matched materials with special properties: we develop the plastic which vour application needs. We find the optimum solution together with you.

Predictable ...

Precisely calculate material properties

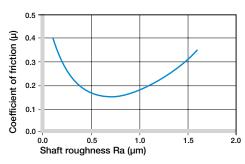
iglide® plain bearings mean a step up from the plastic bearing to a tested and calculable machine element. Our extensive database for plastic bearings can help you to select the optimum material for your application.

The igus®wear-resistant material



Wear of iglide® bearings at medium and high loads.

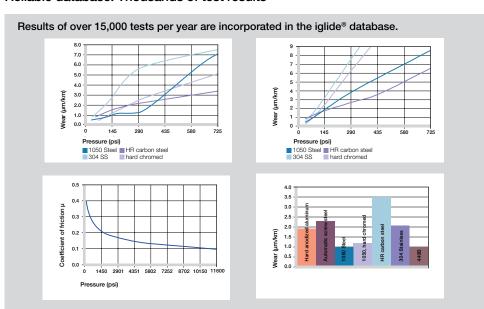
Works with rougher shafts



Coefficient of friction of iglide® G300 depending on the shaft surface (shaft Case hardened steel)

Shafts which are too smooth are ofter unfavorable and may lead to stick-slip phenomena and noise.

Reliable database: Thousands of test results



Tested ...







igus® test laboratory

Applications with high cycle rates, speeds and accelerations in demanding environmental conditions require tested and reliable plastic bearings and linear systems. igus® constantly conducts tests in its in-house laboratory under real-world conditions. Every year over 5,000 tests are carried out on plain bearings.



Pivot wear test rig for testing the pivoting wear rate for medium loads



Measuring the inner diameter of a press-fitted bearing

Material data...

| | Genera | l properti | es | | | Mechanical properties | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Material | | Density (g/cm³) | Max. moisture absorption at +73°F / 50 % r.h. (% weight) | Max. moisture absorption (% weight) | Coefficient of sliding friction. Dynamic against steel (µ) | PV value. max. (dry) (psi · m/s) | Fire classification | Modulus of elasticity (psi) | Tensile strength at +68°F (psi) | Compressive strength (axial) (psi) | max. permissible static surface pressure (+68°F) (psi) | Shore-D hardness |
| iglide® M250 | | 1.14 | 1.4 | 7.6 | 0.18-0.40 | 3,400 | V-2 | 391,600 | 16,240 | 7,542 | 2,901 | 79 |
| iglide® GLW | | 1.36 | 1.3 | 5.5 | 0.1-0.24 | 8,600 | НВ | 1,117000 | 34,080 | 10,730 | 11,600 | 78 |
| iglide® RN56 | | 1.47 | 0.7 | 4.0 | | | | 1,088,000 | 29,010 | | 11,600 | 80 |
| iglide® G300 | | 1.46 | 0.7 | 4.0 | 0.08-0.15 | 12,000 | НВ | 1,131,000 | 30,460 | 11,310 | 11,600 | 81 |
| iglide® J | | 1.49 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.06-0.18 | 9,700 | НВ | 348,100 | 10,590 | 8,702 | 5,076 | 74 |
| iglide® RN89 | | 1.44 | 0.9 | 3.9 | | | | 855,700 | 21,760 | | 6,527 | 79 |
| iglide® H2 | | 1.72 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.07-0.30 | 16,500 | V-0 | 1,494,000 | 30,460 | 15,810 | 15,950 | 88 |
| iglide® P210 | | 1.40 | 0.3 | 0.5 | | | НВ | 319,100 | 9,427 | | 7,252 | 75 |
| iglide® J350 | | 1.44 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 0.08-0.2 | 13,000 | V-0 | 291,100 | 7,977 | 8,702 | 8,702 | 80 |
| iglide® RN248 | | 1.25 | 1.4 | 7.6 | | | | 391,600 | 14,360 | | 7,252 | - |
| iglide® H4 | | 1.79 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.08-0.25 | 9,400 | V-0 | 1,088,000 | 17,400 | 7,252 | 9,427 | 80 |
| iglide® T500 | | 1.44 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.09-0.27 | 37,700 | V-0 | 1,175,000 | 24,660 | 14,500 | 21,760 | 85 |
| PA 6 | | 1.14 | 2.8 | 8.5 | | | V-2 | 464,100 | | | | |
| PBT | | 1.30 | 0.3 | 0.5 | | | НВ | 1,450,000 | 12,330 | | | |
| POM | | 1.41 | 0.2 | 0.8 | | | НВ | 275,600 | 14,070 | 3,336 | 3,336 | 78 |
| PTFE | | 2.18 | 0.1 | 0.1 | | | V-0 | | 2,031 | | | 51 |
| PEEK | | 1.31 | 0.20 | 0.45 | | | V-0 | - | 20,310 | | | |

| | Physica properti | l and the | | lectrical roperties Wear. different shaft materials. oscillating. p=145 psi. v=0.03 ft/s | | | | | | | Wear. different shaft materials. rotating p=145 psi. v=0.98 ft/s | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------|-----------------|--------|--|----------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|------------------|
| | Max. long term application temperature [°F] | Max. short term application temperature [°F] | Min. application temperature [°F] | Specific volume resistance [Ωcm] | Surface resistance [Ω] | H. a. aluminum | Automatic screw steel | Cf53 | HR carbon steel | 304 SS | High grade steel | H. a. aluminum | Automatic screw steel | Cf53 | HR carbon steel | 304 SS | High grade steel |
| | +176 | +338 | -40 | > 1013 | > 1011 | 12.9 | 9.5 | 10.9 | 12.9 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 5.82 | 2.26 | 2.7 | 5.2 |
| | +212 | +320 | -40 | > 1011 | > 1011 | 4.5 | 17.1 | 5.0 | 22.0 | 18.5 | 1.5 | 11.7 | 98.1 | 9.3 | 28.5 | 14.2 | 16.5 |
| | +266 | +428 | -40 | > 1013 | > 1011 | 5.3 | | 3.7 | 13.7 | 14.9 | 15.4 | | | | | | |
| | +266 | +428 | -40 | > 1013 | > 1011 | 1.9 | 12.0 | 2.7 | 19.0 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 4.3 | 2.7 | 1.88 | 11.9 | 7.6 |
| | +194 | +248 | -58 | > 1013 | > 1012 | 0.6 | 4.7 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.57 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| | +194 | +338 | -40 | > 104 | > 104 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 1.7 |
| | +392 | +464 | -40 | > 1015 | > 1014 | 4.5 | 18.7 | 14.6 | 32.3 | 6.4 | 8.5 | 14.6 | 4.8 | 18.76 | 11.9 | 18.3 | 3.8 |
| | +212 | +320 | -40 | - | > 1011 | 1.9 | 1.86 | 0.9 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 4.3 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| | +356 | +428 | -148 | >1013 | > 1010 | 0.3 | 5.36 | 0.9 | 2.58 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 2.67 | 2.4 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.72 | 1.14 |
| | +194 | +338 | -40 | < 103 | < 109 | 1.0 | | 4.0 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | | | | | | |
| | +392 | +464 | -40 | > 1013 | > 1012 | 2.6 | 7.7 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 6.3 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 9.6 | 5.9 |
| | +482 | +599 | -148 | < 105 | < 103 | 12.6 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 9.9 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 20.5 | 1.9 | 8.1 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 12.2 |
| | +185 | +320 | -40 | 10 ¹⁵ | 10 ¹³ | 39.3 | | 19.9 | | 34.9 | | | | | | | |
| | +230 | +392 | | 10 ¹³ | 1015 | 9.9 | | 50.6 | | 36.7 | | | | | | | |
| ſ | +194 | +248 | -58 | > 1012 | > 1012 | 3.7 | | 1.7 | | 1.7 | | | | | | | |
| | +500 | +572 | -328 | 1016 | 1016 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ſ | +482 | +590 | | | | 5.2 | | 7.7 | | 3.7 | | | | | | | |

Vehicle interior...



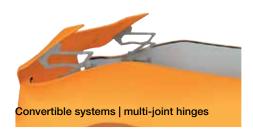
Rattle-free mounting of seating systems with iglide® plain bearings, e.g. inner-/tilt- and seat height adjustment.

- Tolerance compensation possible
- Suitable for E-coating
- High static loads of up to 17,400 psi
- Quiet operation



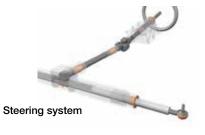
Axial and radial pre-stressed iglide® plain bearings avoid vibrations and noises.

- Tolerance compensation possible
- Resistant to edge load
- High static loads



All articulation points are furnished with iglide® bearings.

- Self-lubricating, maintenance-free
- Corrosion-free
- Quiet operation
- Suitable for E-coating



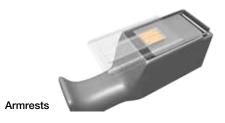
Various bearing points in steering columns and shafts can be equipped with iglide® plain bearings.

- Noise dampening
- High resistance to stock loads
- Wear-resistant
- Cost-effective



iglide® is used in door and multi-joint hinges, such as in the trunk, hood, pedestrian protection, etc.

- Corrosion-free
- Tolerance compensation possible
- Suitable for E-coating
- Quiet operation



drylin® linear guides replace telescopic guides.

- High rigidity
- Easy assembly
- Self-lubricating

Engine compartment



Shift forks

In gear links and shift forks, iglide® plain bearings replace metal bearings and roller bearings.

- Noise dampening
- Resistant to transmission oil
- Corrosion-resistant



iglide® plain bearings run with an assembly lubrication provided under extreme operating conditions.

- High-frequency oscillating motion
- Heavy dirt accumulation
- Running temperature from:
 -40°F up to 248°F (-40°C up to +120°C)



iglide® plain bearings replace needle bearings.

- Cost-effective
- Capable of overmolding with plastics



iglide® plain bearings run in short-stroke linear motion with extreme soot pollution from exhaust fumes and high temperatures.

- Low friction
- Wear resistance
- High temperature resistance



Flap mounting of variable intake manifolds with iglide® plain bearings.

- Economic product design, i.e. pillow blocks
- Tolerance compensation by means of an o-ring



ABS pump

Guide troughs made of iglide® materials are used in high frequency short stroke movements up to 50Hz.

- Wear-resistant
- Fulfills cleanliness requirements
- Fulfills high accuracy requirements

Exterior ... Utility vehicles



iglide® slide bearings replaces roller bearings and POM ball sockets in heavily stressed axle journals.

- High absorption
- Low sticking friction
- High compression strength
- Lightweight



iglide® thrust washers replace metallic bearings and simple plastics.

- Low sticking friction
- Quiet operation
- Special design possible



iglide® plain bearings replace metallic bearings for use under extreme conditions – no knocking under extreme vibrations.

- High media resistance
- Lightweight
- Cost-effective



iglide® plain bearings often replace metallic bearings in the hinge eyes of hydraulic dampers.

- Low sticking friction
- Good vibration dampening
- Resistant to dirt
- Corrosion-free



iglide® plain bearings replace metallic bearings on wiper blades and arms.

- High alternate bending strength
- Corrosion-free
- High compressive strength
- Media resistance



iglide® plain bearings replace metallic bearings and other systems with central lubrication.

- Withstand extremely high edge loads
- Self-lubricating
- Resistant to dirt
- High wear-resistance

Clips

Solutions for punched steel

iglide® easyclip







- Easy axial push-in
- Axial safety through the 2nd flange
- Simple installation by wrapping
- One-side thrust surface

iglide® double flange bushing







- Compress and slide in
- Loss-proof pre-assembly
- "Right" axial thrust surfaces on both sides
- Flanging not required

iglide® flange bushing







- "Right" axial thrust surfaces on both sides
- Simple, automated flanging
- Tolerance compensation through axial pre-tension

iglide® SnapOn







- Washer is pre-assembled on bushing with undercut
- Axial compensation of tolerance
- Loss-proof pre-assembly

Customized ...

Solutions for individual requirements

Everything is possible - iglide® specials and solutions

Special design solutions such as non-clatter and low-play bearings, axial tolerance compensation, antirotation, knurled surfaces, lubrication pockets – virtually anything is possible.



What is speedigus?

Simple; choose any iglide® material, get molded parts in 1 to 10 days, depending on complexity of the part. Full technical component information given with every quotation, including lead time options. Absolute maximum delivery is 15 days.





Backlash ...

Solutions for E-coating processes

Low clearance iglide® bearing by recalibration during E-coating process

Seating, convertible systems and articulating joints often use simple punched housings or drawn sheet metal. Nevertheless, there should be a low clearance bearing to obtain quiet operation.

Our solution is:

iglide® bearings use the high temperatures of the E-coating process to calibrate the bearing.



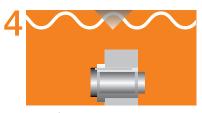
Poor tolerance of punched housing or drawn sheet metal



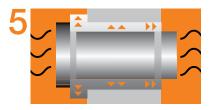
Assembly of iglide® bearing with transition fit



Assembly of shaft/rivet with overlap fit



e-coating process



Recalibration during drying process (max. 60 minutes at max. 220 °C)



Result: Low clearance bearing in spite of poorly toleranced housing bore/shaft

Spherical bearings ...

Self-lubricating and maintenance-free

- Maintenance-free igubal[®] spherical bearings diameters from (2 to 50 mm)
- Resistant to chemicals and corrosion
- Very good vibration dampening properties
- High frequencies and speeds possible
- Predictable lifetime

igubal® is a system of self-aligning bearing elements completely made of plastic.

With the igubal® series, a complete system of self-aligning bearing elements are available for the design engineer: Rod end bearings, clevis joints, flange bearings, spherical bearings and pillow block bearings.

Self-aligning bearings are easy to mount, suit all angular variations, and in many cases have already been able to replace special housings.

The igubal® user utilizes all advantages of the employed high performance plastics. They have excellent vibration dampening properties, and are technically applicable in dry operation. They are insensitive to dirt, can operate in liquids and even in chemicals and are completely resistant to corrosion.



Rod end bearings with male/female thread: right/left, also as HT version for up to +392°F.



Angle and axial joints, fitting screws.



Clevis joints and spring loaded pins, individual or combined (also with rod end bearings).

Available from stock ...



Various types of pillow block bearings, with shared housing and/or spherical ball (optional).



Flange bearing with 2 or 4 bore holes, also as an HT version for up to 392°F.



Spherical bearings and self-aligning clip bearings.



Spherical balls made from iglide® materials.



Double spherical bearings and coupling bars.

Easy removal ...

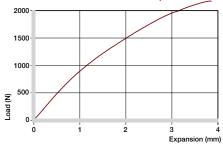
igubal® double joint bars

igubal® plastic double joint bars as mechanical connecting element between 2 components.

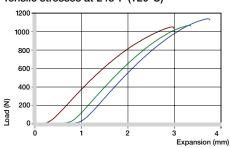
• Up to +250°C operating temperature

• Lightweight
• Self-lubricating
• Corrosion-resistant
• Customized design
• Rapid prototypes available in 5 days

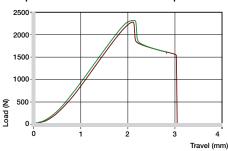
Tensile stresses at ambient temperature



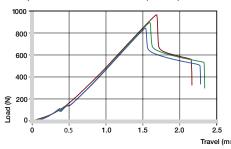
Tensile stresses at 248°F (120°C)



Compressive loads at ambient temperature



Compressive loads at 248°F (120°C)



Self-lubricating and maintenance-free



igubal[®] double joint bars made of high-temperature material replace metallic coupling bars for applications of up to 392°F (200°C).

- Good vibration damping characteristics
- High long term application temperature
- High wear resistance



igubal[®] double joint bars replace metallic connections.

- Noise reduction
- Vibration damping
- High rigidity
- Cost-effective



Active intake manifolds

Plastic double joint bars replace mechanical joint bars.

- Weight reductions of up to 90%
- Low wear rates

100% self-lubricating ...

drylin® linear and drive technology

drylin® is a range of maintenance-free and self-lubricating linear bearings in four different type series. Besides the freedom from maintenance and external lubricants, the main features include ruggedness and the insensitivity to dirt, water, chemicals, heat or impacts.

Additionally, the range is complemented by complete linear units with spindle drive or toothed belt, leadscrews nuts and threads, and new: drive technology - complete systems with linear axis and motor.

- Same mounting dimensions as linear ball guides
- Resistant to chemicals, corrosion and dirt
- Low weight permits high frequencies and maximum accelerations
- Impact and vibration resistant, quiet operation
- Predictable lifetime

Rail guide systems



drylin® T are the classical linear guides.

- 100% self-lubricating
- Dimensions are identical to standard commercial ball guide systems
- Automatic clearance adjustment
- High static load capacity

Modular guide systems



drylin® W guide systems offer a large and complex modular system.

- 14 different profiles and more than 50 carriage options
- Easy installation
- Versatile use, space saving and compact

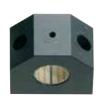
Low-profile guide systems



drylin® N flat guides have an extremely low built.

- 100% self-lubricating
- Lightweight and small construction height: 6-12 mm
- Numerous carriage options also with preload
- Interesting alternative to miniature ball guide systems

Round shaft guide systems







drylin® R as an alternative to ball linings.

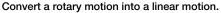
- 100% self-lubricating
- Same dimensions as standard ball bearings
- Shafts, supports and accessories available from stock
- Replaceable liners

Sliding instead of rolling

drylin® linear and drive technology

Lead screw drives





- 100% self-lubricating
- Trapezoidal or high helix thread
- Optionally clearance-free through anti-backlash feature



drylin® linear guides replace telescopic guides.

- High stiffness
- Easy assembly
- Self-lubricating

Linear slide tables



Linear slide modules drives with trapezoidal thread, high helix thread or gear belts.

- 100% self-lubricating
- For size adjustments as far as fast small-parthandling
- Numerous accessories available



Self-lubricating iglide® plain bearings fitted in drylin® linear guides replace lubricated plastics.

- Low sticking friction
- Resistance to dirt
- Low moisture absorption



Drive technology

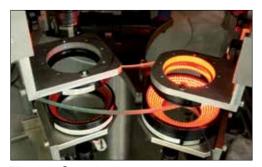


drylin® E - "E" as in electric

- Complete systems: Linear axis plus motor, ready to fit
- Self-lubricating, lightweight and silent
- Configuration online possible
- Available in 3-4 days

plastics for longer life

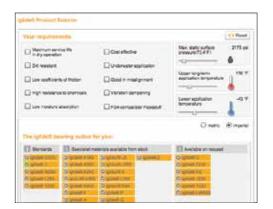
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The igus® quality assurance

The quality policy of igus® is to identify and meet customer needs, and to always be a competent and reliable supplier. igus® has always been committed to producing products at the best available quality level, and to consistently develop innovative solutions.





Extensive test database

What is probably the world's largest database, was created from the results of more than 15,000 tests. This database gives us the ability to select the right product for your specific application.

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Tribology testing in the plain bearing lab, igus® Cologne, Germany

Energy supply from stock

e-chain systems® for modern machinery



Designed to guide and protect

e-chains® and e-chain systems® are the lifeline of modern machines. They reduce downtimes and increase the service lives of cables and hoses.

Plastic e-chains® have been developed, produced and tested by igus® since 1971. The igus® product range includes over 80,000 innovative products from stock and from "batch size one". From the smallest Micro Flizz® chain to the world's biggest polymer e-chain®.

For the safe supply of energy in production lines and other areas of the automotive industry, igus® offers an ideal solution with plastic energy supply chains. Whether in manufacturing robots or indoor cranes with long travels, many applications are possible.

Robots, 3D and circular movements



triflex®, triflex® R, E-Z triflex®, twisterchain®, TwisterBand

- Closed design
- Easy to equip
- For 2 or 3 axes
- Modular design

Easy to fill





E-Z Chain and Zipper e-chains®

- One-piece e-chains®
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All around, small and medium sizes







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Robotics, hose packages ...

e-chain systems® for modern machines



from stock ...

triflex® R options and variety of components



TRE - quick insertion of cables

- Simple filling with cables and hoses
- Especially for assembled cables
- TRC and TRE links can be combined.
- Available in 7 sizes from 30 to 125 mm
- B and C version specifically for more complex applications



Type: standard mounting bracket

- Quick and simple mounting with snap-on connection
- Extremely short downtimes for replacement of a filled triflex® R
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triflex® R Quick exchange kit

- Changed in seconds without tools
- One time only alignment
- Perfect for triflex® R readychain®
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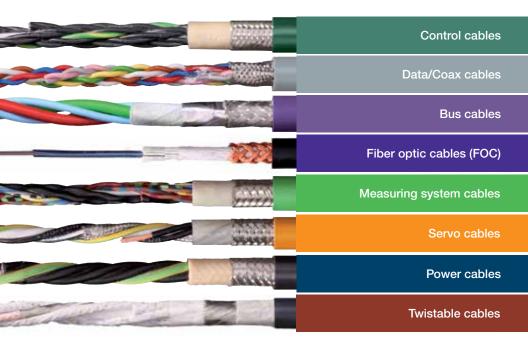


triflex® RS system

- Integrated recuperating spring prevents loop formations and give a directed pretension to the triflex® R
- Toolless mounting brackets for safe fastening
- Single module, space-saving and quickly mounted on common robots; from stock

Cables from stock ...

More than 1,000 types of cables available from stock



More than 1,000 chainflex® cables developed especially for the use in e-chain systems®

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