



## **igus® “iglide® on tour” ready to travel from coast to coast across North America**

**East Providence, Rhode Island, August 5, 2014** - A half-year of traveling through Asia and South America, and 17,500 miles of driving through deserts, rainforests, and some of the world’s busiest cities has brought igus’ iglide on tour car to the United States where it will begin the next leg of its tour in Anchorage, Alaska.

### **30 years of plastics innovations**

To celebrate 30 years of their line of self-lubricating plastic bearings, called “iglide,” tied into the company’s 50 anniversary, igus has been traveling around the world with its orange iglide car, retrofit with 56 of igus’ plastic bearings in applications including the throttle valve, windshield wipers, alternator, and more. Now, starting in Alaska, the iglide car, staffed with a team of igus representatives, is setting off across the United States and Canada, visiting customers across a massive range of industries, from automotive and motorcycle manufacturers, to aerospace, to manufacturing equipment and more.

Starting in Alaska and traveling through the Yukon Territory of Canada, down through Vancouver, British Columbia, then continuing across the border to the United States into Washington State. From there, the car will zig-zag across the two countries, with the drivers documenting their journey along the way. In October, the car will be flown across the Atlantic Ocean to carry on the tour in Europe, before returning home to Germany in 2015, where the iglide bearings will be removed and observed, truly testing their wear-resistance.

### **Social Responsibility across the Globe**

To give back to the many countries traveled, igus has also decided to donate to charities in each country along the tour. For every kilometer traveled, one Euro will be donated to a charity of that country’s subsidiary’s choosing. In as large an area as North America, it is hoped that a large amount will be raised over the next several weeks.

To follow along with the iglide on tour car, visit the igus blog at <http://igus.com/blog>, or follow igus on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/igus.inc>. To learn more about the car’s retrofit applications using iglide plastic bearings, please visit the iglide 30 page at <http://igus.com/iglideontour>.



## About igus®

igus® develops industry-leading Energy Chain® cable carriers, Chainflex® continuous-flex cables, DryLin® linear bearings and linear guides, iglide® plastic bushings, and igubal® spherical bearings. These seemingly unrelated products are linked together through a belief in making functionally advanced, yet affordable plastic components and assemblies. With plastic bearing experience since 1964, cable carrier experience since 1971 and continuous-flex cable since 1989, igus provides the right solution from over 80,000 products available from stock. No minimum order required. For more information, contact igus at 1-800-521-2747 or visit [www.igus.com](http://www.igus.com).

### Captions:

#### Picture PR-080514-01, igus Inc.

The igus car was retrofit with 56 of igus' self-lubricating plastic iglide® bearings and sent around the world to celebrate the brand's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### Picture PR-080514-02, igus Inc.

The car has traveled over 17,500 miles to date, starting in India.

#### Picture PR-080514-03, igus Inc.

The car, retrofit with 56 iglide® bearings has traveled through countries including China, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, Brazil and others, continuing now through the United States and Canada.

#### Picture PR-080514-04, igus Inc.

The trip around the world is testing the reliability of the iglide® plastic bearings on its drive through deserts, rainforests, dirt roads, and big cities.

#### Picture PR-080514-05, igus Inc.

iglide on tour has started in Asia, moved on to the Americas, and will travel full circle to Europe in the fall in time to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of igus GmbH.

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