

# bike

**Solutions for the bicycle industry  
40% less costs, 80% less weight,  
100% less maintenance**



• **plastics for longer life®**

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**Change your bearings now!  
40% less costs,  
80% less weight  
and 100% less maintenance**

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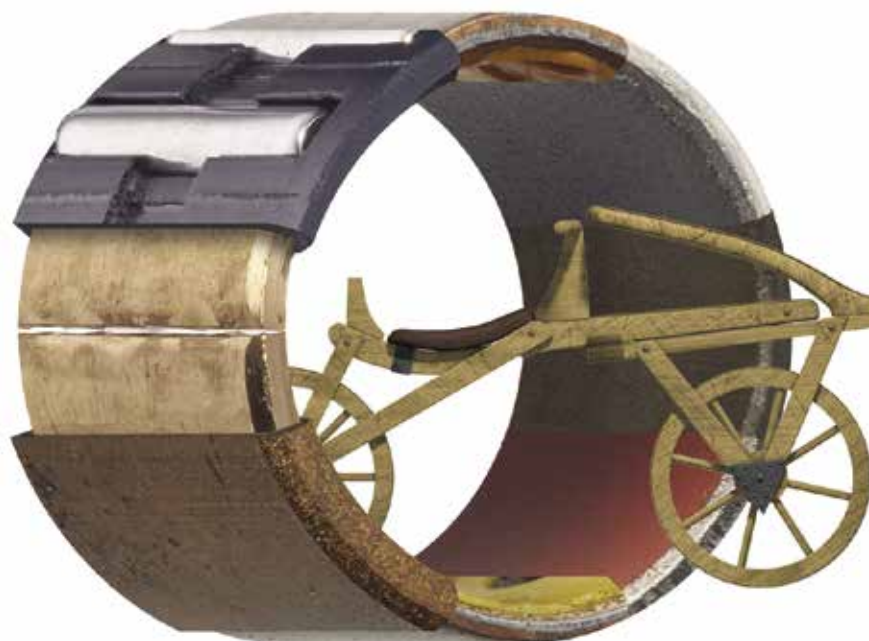
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**What began with the Draisian running machine with oiled brass bushes in 1817 advanced over the years into a weight-optimised lifestyle object.** "Digital bike" and "bike as a vehicle" are some of the trends that are of great importance in today's bicycle world, and electrification also means new application potentials of bikes in everyday life.

This also changes the demands on the components installed on the bike: impact and shock loads are exerted on the bearings used in the components while riding the mountain bikes across uneven ground, whereas the focus of the e-bike lies on covering the greatest possible range with one battery charge. Therefore, the bike must be as light as possible although the higher mileage will result in a greater stress on the separate bicycle components, compared to the conventional bike.

Save weight, increase service life and minimise maintenance intervals with igus®. Dry operating iglidur® plain bearings made of high-performance plastics are lightweight, extremely wear-resistant and characterised by very low friction values. They defy shocks and bumps and are more resistant than metallic bearings - especially in extreme environmental conditions. Thus dirt, temperature, detergents and humidity are not challenges any more. By the elimination of external lubricants and, the maintenance is also minimised. Overall three-fold savings: in weight, in maintenance, and also in price.



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# igus® motion plastics®: Plastics that drive and move

It all started with an idea. When Günter Blase founded the company in his Cologne garage in 1964, igus® consisted of no more than a small injection moulding machine and the belief in the future of the material "plastic". Tribologically optimised polymers, according to the basic igus® vision, was the key to solving the "eternal" problems of moving applications. The traditional "solution", the lubrication with oils or greases, has negative consequences, such as high maintenance, environmental pollution and machine failure. The Tribo-optimised (friction-optimised) high-performance plastics offered by igus® in the form of lubrication-free and cost-effective motion plastics® components help to solve this problem. There are 3,180 employees working in 35 countries for the implementation of the motion plastics® idea of manufacturing machine components from plastic, which creates a tangible technological and economic added value and thus a competitive advantage for more than 200,000 igus® customers worldwide.

## **The igus® solar system with the customer at the centre.**

The company igus® receives its most important impulses from the customer. The drive was therefore always to provide each customer with the best individual solution, which at the same time increases the service life and reduces costs.

## **No limits for plastics for longer life®**

Constant development of the products, also thanks to the impulses of our customers, have led to the development of ever new customer circles and applications. The second generation of the family-owned company has therefore become a globally leading producer of energy chain systems and polymer plain bearings. Altogether, their positive material properties, in particular their wear and abrasion resistance, significantly reduce maintenance and downtime.

## **Research in the igus® laboratory for better products and guaranteed service life**

igus® operates the largest research and test laboratory in the industry on an area of 2,750 square metres. By conducting research in new materials and continually improving the products, today, for instance, more than 50 different iglidur® materials are offered every year with different material properties for demanding applications and more than a hundred new products and extensions. The igus® R & D investments (clearly above the average in mechanical engineering with a research rate of 5% of sales per year) serve the double purpose of achieving and maintaining the highest quality in the process, as well as providing the customer with a durable, process-safe machine part.



The 1965 idea:  
*"Show me the  
plastic part that gi-  
ves you problem. I'll  
provide you with  
a solution!"*



Conversion of festoon to energy chain sys-  
tem at MVA Weisweiler. It has been running  
"round" 24/7 for more than six years.



igus® research and test labo-  
ratory on a floor area of 2,750  
square metres.

Change from ball  
bushings to drylin®  
linear bearings. With  
igus® drylin®, the ma-  
chine has now been  
operating completely  
trouble-free for many  
years under the  
toughest conditions.

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# igus® plain bearings for bikes. Plastic beats metal even on the bike

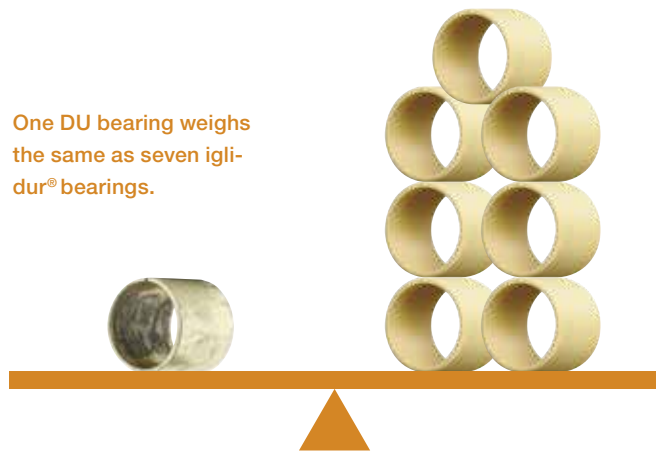
## Light and robust plain bearings for shocks, edge loads, dirt.

The igus® iglidur® plain bearings combine all the advantages of the processed high-performance plastics. They can be used in dry operation and have excellent vibration dampening properties. They have a high stiffness and wear resistance and are resistant to dirt and dust. Due to their high corrosion resistance iglidur® plain bearings from igus® can also be used in damp environments. Major weight reductions can be achieved by replacing metal bearings with iglidur® bearings.

## Advantages of igus® products in bicycle technology:

- Self lubricating dry operation
- Impact and shock resistant
- Very light compared to metallic bearings
- Resistant to corrosion and chemicals
- Extremely strong and wear-resistant
- Vibration-dampening property

One DU bearing weighs  
the same as seven igli-  
dur® bearings.



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25 bearing points  
with **dry-tech®**  
high-performance  
polymers - less  
weight, longer  
service life

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# Employees of igus® America Garrison Rios brings four titles in series

2015 CA State CX Champion  
2015 2nd Overall Kenda Cup Series  
2016 2nd National Championships Cat 1  
2016 3rd Overall Kenda Cup Series

Garrison uses iglidur® plain bearings in all moving components.

Rocky Mountain element with iglidur® plain bearings. Fox Shox suspension with iglidur® double flange bearings. Crank Brothers pedals with iglidur® plain bearings.

On his road machine, he also uses an SRAM derailleur with iglidur® plain bearings.



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Easier steering  
with heavy loads  
– igubal® in the  
cargo bike



Steering and tilt mechanism  
with igubal® polymer plain  
bearings



**BUTCHERS & BICYCLES** Copenhagen,  
Morten Mogensen, København V, Denmark.

This cargo bike can always be steered easily. This is ensured by robust polymer bearings from igus®, which are used in the steering and tilt mechanism of the front wheels. Compared to conventional bearing solutions, they have the advantage that they are absolutely maintenance-free thanks to the freedom from lubrication, and are also resistant to weathering. In addition, they are much more space-saving and, in small numbers, much more cost-effective than the metal solutions.

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## igidur® H in disc brakes: Perfect function guaranteed

- Temperature resistant up to +200 °C
- Corrosion resistant, no seizing.
- Wear resistant, low friction



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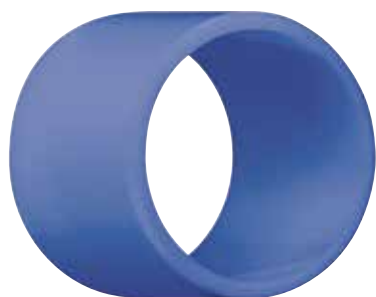


## igidur® G in front derailleurs: Smooth running and durable

- Smooth running thanks to low coefficient of friction
- Reliable, maintenance-free and dirt-resistant
- Precise and fast switching



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## igidur® A160 in suspension fork: Ideal response

- Extremely low coefficients of friction and breakaway torques
- Constant stability
- Extreme wear resistance



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## iglidur® J in oscillating joint: Resistant to impact loads

- Resistant to high frequency shocks and vibrations
- Extreme wear resistance
- No 'stick slip'



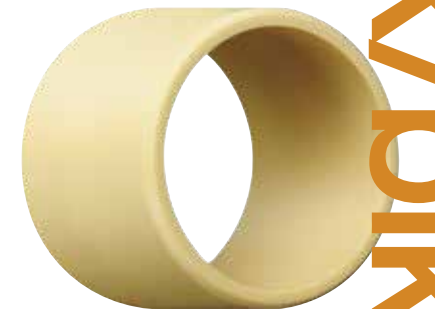
## iglidur® J3 in the rear shock: Easy installation

- High impact strength, maintains shape
- Sensitive feedback from the rear shock
- Dimensional stability of the bearing



## iglidur® J in seat posts: Very easy to adjust

- Wear resistant with linear motion
- Low coefficient of friction, no squeaking (stick-slip)
- Resistant to edge loads



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## igubal® in track rods: Lubrication-free connection

- Absorbs vibrations
- Angle and tolerance compensation
- Lightweight, lubrication-free and thus insensitive to dirt and sand



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## igidur® J3 in freewheels: No seals required

- Extreme wear resistance
- Dirt resistant
- Lightweight



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## igidur® G in rim brakes: Ideal against dirt and dust

- Resistant to dirt and dust
- Wear-resistant
- Maintenance-free



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## iglidur® G in Spicycle tricycle: Quickly into the corner

- High wear resistance
- Resistance to dust and dirt
- Cost-effective



## iglidur® J in hand bike: Safe and easy in open country

- Dust and moisture resistant
- Lightweight
- Vibration dampening



## iglidur® J3 in pedals: Dirt-resistant and lightweight

- Extremely wear-resistance
- Resistant to corrosion, high pressure cleaners and cleaning agents
- Lightweight, lubrication and maintenance-free.



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iglidur® plain bearings on e-bike:  
Lightweight construction and  
service life.



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When it is all about the bike – igus® catalogue parts, special parts, bar stock and 3D printed solutions



We can also go your way: customised solutions, special designs and special materials - (virtually) everything is possible.

The standard is not the right solution for everyone. Therefore, igus® also manufactures a number of customised special designs. Structural and material special solutions such as plain bearings for multiple-edge shafts, bearings with reduced clearance or anti-rotation feature, special lead screw support blocks and glide pads, and so on, are specially adapted to your requirements. Starting from medium quantities we make almost everything possible.



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**3D printing service – for individual parts made of high-performance plastics**

In two simple steps to the 3D-printed component - with instant price We print your individual component, using lubrication-free, abrasion-resistant iglidur® high-performance plastics. Upload your drawing in the STEP (STP) format, check the 360° view and select a filament. We ship your desired product - depending on the complexity - from 24hours.



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Test rig permanent load

## Tested ...



- Test: Pivoting wear rate
- Load per bearing point: 25 N to 300 N
- Surface speed: 0.01 m/s



Test rig pivoting wear

Extensive  
test data-  
base

## Tested ...



- Simulation of continuous load
- Tested with impact.
- In suspended parallelogram seatpost



Test rig seatpost

## Tested ...



- Test: Rotating coefficient of friction
- Load per bearing point: 10 N to 1000 N
- Surface speed: 200 to 2000 RPM.



Test rig coefficient of friction



Test rig edge pressure

## Tested ...



- Test: Linear wear rate
- Load per bearing point: 10 N to 200 N
- Surface speed: 0.1m/s up to 0.3m/s



Test rig linear wear (short stroke)

From more than 15,000 tests per year was created, what is probably the world's largest database. This database gives us the ability to select always the right product for your specific application. Individual tests for your branch of industry are also possible.



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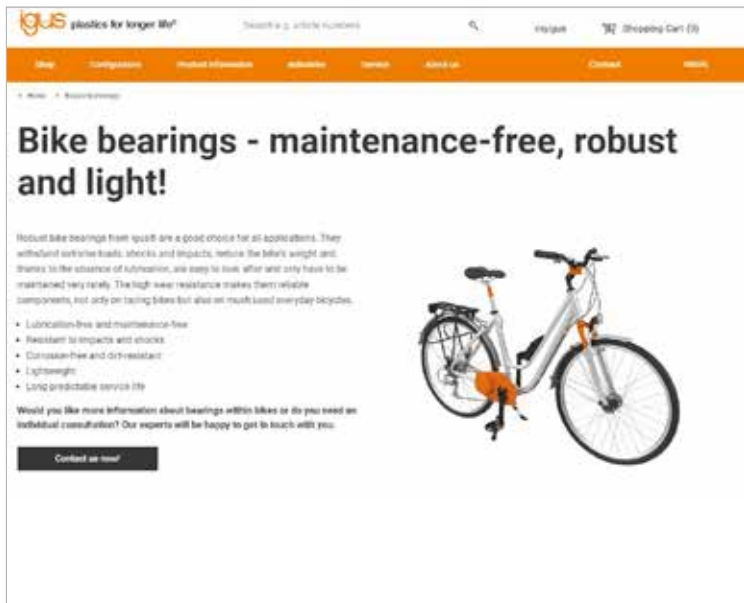


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The screenshot shows the igus website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the igus logo and the tagline 'plastics for longer life®'. Below the navigation bar, there's a main content area with the heading 'Bike bearings - maintenance-free, robust and light!'. The text describes the benefits of igus bike bearings, such as being maintenance-free, robust, and lightweight. A list of features is provided: 'Lubrication-free and maintenance-free', 'Resistant to impacts and shocks', 'Corrosion-free and dirt-resistant', 'Lightweight', and 'Long predictable service life'. An image of a bicycle is shown on the right side of the page. At the bottom, there's a call-to-action button that says 'Contact us now!'.

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**igus® is certified in accordance with  
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bearings.**



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