



iglide on tour wraps up North American tour by giving back

Motion Plastics manufacturer igus carried out nearly 14,000 miles of driving through the United States and Canada over 9 weeks to prove the power of their plastic bearings.

For over two months, the igus Inc. team carried out a mammoth effort of coordinating and executing a car tour from Anchorage, Alaska to New York City, traveling through more than half of the 50 United States, and crossing across Canadian boundaries three times, totaling 13,670 miles. Along the way, the car stopped to visit more than 40 of igus' current and potential customers, speaking with engineers about the true power of iglide plastic bearings, which are currently celebrating their 30th anniversary.

56 of igus' plastic bearings were retrofit inside the small car, which is driving around the world over the course of a year to test the power of the bearings in all temperatures, climates, and driving conditions. You can see the entire application report of the car's retrofit process here (http://www.igus.com/contentData/wpck/pdf/US_en/iglide-on-tour-Application-Report.pdf).

After crossing from the Alaskan wilderness, down the Pacific coast, and across the vast Midwest, the orange "iglide car" reached igus' new 165,000ft² Rhode Island facility on October 3, where it helped the company celebrate Manufacturing Day, as well as igus' 50th anniversary as a company.

Continuing in the celebration, the igus team has donated one dollar for each mile traveled in North America to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (<http://www.nationalmssociety.org/>), which supports research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, and providing programs and services that help people with multiple sclerosis and their families.

The car has since traveled across the Atlantic from New York City to Frankfurt, Germany, where it has begun the European leg of the tour, which comes to an end in April, at the Hannover Trade Fair. There, the car will be disassembled and the wear of the bearings examined at the event in front of thousands of show attendees. To learn more about the retrofit process, iglide plastic bearings, or the world tour, please visit the iglide 30 page at www.igus.com/iglide30.

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Picture 102414-01, igus Inc.

igus staff members enjoy the celebration of the car's arrival, coupled with igus' 50th anniversary as a company.



Picture 102414-02, igus Inc.

After reaching their Rhode Island headquarters, igus donated one dollar for every mile driven throughout North America.



Picture 102414-03, igus Inc.

The North American leg of the tour kicked off August 2nd in Anchorage, Alaska.



Picture 102414-04, igus Inc.

The celebration took place at igus' new 165,000 sq. foot facility in East Providence, RI.



Picture 102414-05, igus Inc.

Prior to reaching North America, iglide on tour traveled through India, China, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Brazil.



Picture 102414-06, igus Inc.

Local politicians, including Senator Jack Reed (Right) were in attendance to help igus celebrate the accomplishment. Pictured with Sen. Reed is igus Inc. Vice President Rick Abbate.

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