

# Lifting platforms

Solutions for telescopic lifting  
platforms and telescopic equipment



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## Safe and easy energy supply for telescopic applications

Your technical innovator and cost saver.

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### Secure guidance of data and signal cables along inclined equipment

Lifting platforms or telescopic equipment offer little space for reliable energy supply, so users like energy chains made of high-performance plastics or hybrid e-chains® made of plastic and steel from igus® to protect and guide their cables and hoses. They protect the cables not only against external influences such as shock, dirt, moisture, but also against wear that occurs during the retraction and extension cycles of the telescopic arms. The structured interior separation of the e-chains® minimises the abrasion of cables and hydraulic hoses and offers additional protection. The energy chains from igus® are very robust and lightweight. They ensure high strength even with larger unsupported lengths. Thanks to their modular design, the energy supply systems are quick to assemble and easy to maintain. The user can save costs by using energy chains from igus®.

### Advantages of e-chains® in lifting platforms:

- Lubrication and maintenance-free
- Corrosion-free
- Lighter than metallic chains
- Resistant to dirt and chemicals
- UV and temperature-resistant
- For small installation spaces/space-saving
- Safe for movements in all directions and along all axes
- No screws, rivets or bolts which can become loose under vibration



# igus® YE.1 energy chains for long unsupported lengths

**Cherry pickers, construction machinery and lifting platforms have an identical challenge to face: a safe and compact guidance of the cables and hoses**

For such scenarios, users usually rely on steel chains. However, these are very heavy and difficult to install, and often need to be completely replaced when service or repair is called for. This means immense costs for machine operators and hiring companies due to equipment downtime. igus® has now developed a hybrid energy chain especially for high unsupported travels. The supporting chain links of the new energy supply solution are made of steel and ensure high rigidity, whereas the pin/bore connection, the outer links and the crossbars are completely made of a tribologically optimised high-performance plastic. Thanks to the plastic - unlike a steel chain - the user saves 50% weight. Compared with a plastic energy chain, the new hybrid energy chain can implement 50% longer unsupported length.

**Quickly assembled and maintained with modular design**

Another advantage of the new energy chain lies in its modularity. The chain links of the YE.42 are easy to plug together and can be assembled quickly. Thanks to its modular design, screws, rivets or bolts that can become loose under vibration are completely dispensed with. Cables can be quickly replaced due to the removable crossbars: another advantage over classic steel chains, which are usually completely riveted or bolted. The new YE.1 additionally achieves its high stability by means of an undercut design for locking the chain links.



Proven safety and guaranteed service life under the toughest conditions

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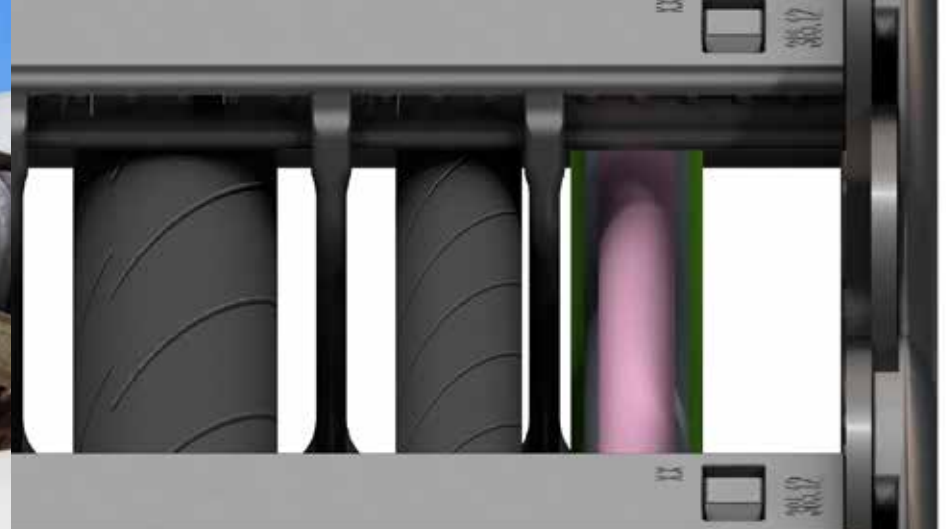
## Flying high with igus® e-chains®

igus® does not generate its expertise exclusively from the laboratory. Experience of igus® customers in the real world, is just as important. In Ruthmann GmbH, igus® has a partner whose expertise in lifting work platforms has led to the popularity of the brand name "Steiger". The European market leader, which produces telescopic booms with different working heights, requires flexible energy supply systems for the smallest bend radii and installation spaces. In order to achieve the shortest possible throughput times and the lowest possible stock keeping, Ruthmann prefers components which reduce the assembly time.



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# Standard steel energy chains vs. igus® YE.1 hybrid chains



## Frequently observed problems with steel-only energy supply systems

**Steel:** corrosion at the joints, resulting in stiffness of the entire energy supply

**igus®:** plastic-metal joints prevent seizure of the chain links due to corrosion

**Steel:** deformation of the crossbars leading to seizure/twisting of the energy chain. Sharp edges can also damage the cables

**igus®:** plastic crossbars do not deform permanently. In addition, they can be replaced individually in the event of a defect. Rounded crossbars protect the cables and hoses

**Steel:** screws, bolts and circlips can be lost over time and make the whole system unstable

**igus®:** no screws or rivets connecting the e-chains®

**Steel:** heavy, because of the metal energy supply system

**igus®:** up to 50% lighter hybrid chain

**Steel:** chain links of steel chains are non-openable and can hardly be partially replaced

**igus®:** chain links of e-chains® are openable as required. Cables can be added or removed. igus® chainflex® cables for every application: whether high UV resistance or high/low temperatures. 36 month guarantee on all cables



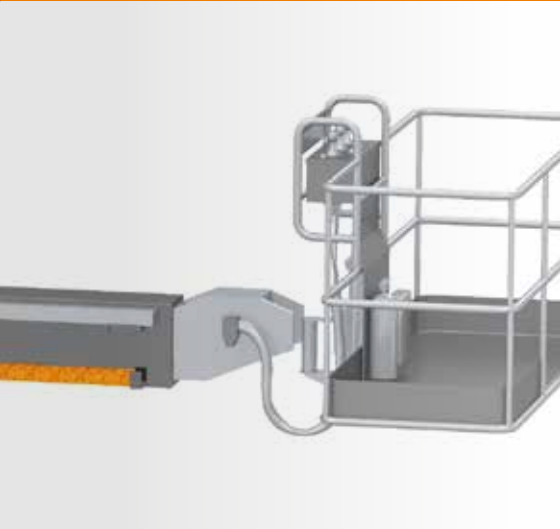
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## E2 hydraulic hose guidance on side wall of supporting legs

- Special inner contours and clamps for hose-friendly guidance of two hydraulic hoses
- Long unsupported lengths thanks to stable stop-dog system and pin/bore connection
- Single-piece clamp design for extremely stable hydraulic hose guidance requiring little installation space

 [www.igus.eu/hydraulic-chain](http://www.igus.eu/hydraulic-chain)



## triflex® R on carrying basket joint: energy supply ideal for multi-axis movements:

- Defined torsion stop-dog and minimum bend radius
- Easy to lengthen and shorten
- Matching torsion-resistant chainflex® cables

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## E2/000 e-chain® in telescopic forklifts: space-saving and lightweight

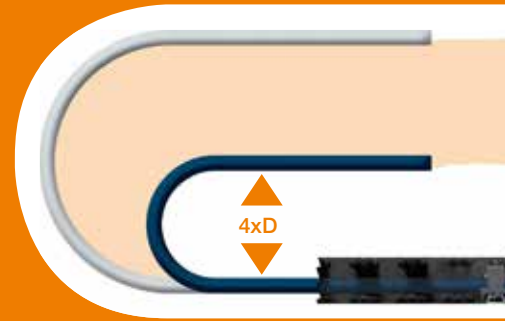
- Corrosion and weather-resistant
- Weight reducing
- Assembly-friendly

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## chainflex® cables: narrow space, high UV resistance

- Control, data and bus cables
- Heavy duty for outdoor applications
- 36 month guarantee

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## readychain® modules: for direct installation

- Optimally matched components
- Delivered ready to install
- With cables, hoses, attachments and energy chain

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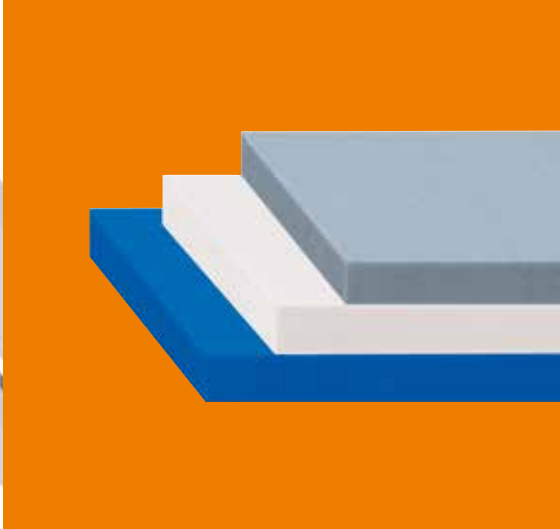
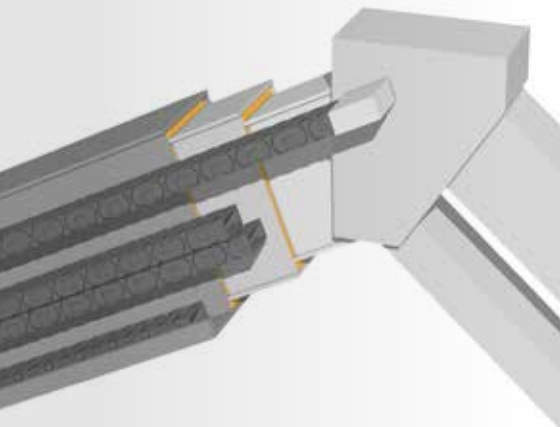
## e-chain® E4.1L: save weight and increase payload of the basket

- Reduce weight - more payload
- Easy to open and to install
- Strong and compact

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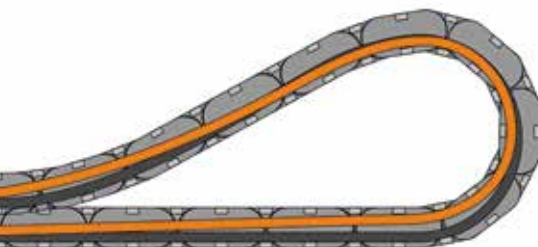
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## iglidur® bar stock: customised telescopic bearing for high loads on support legs

- Maintenance-free and lubrication-free
- Easy to machine, available as round bar and plate material with online predictable service life
- As a plastic bar stock for DIY or in mechanically finished required shapes and sizes

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## Rollclip: reliable guidance of hoses

- Reduce abrasion, enhance reliability
- Secure guidance even at high pressures
- Hose-friendly under constant motion

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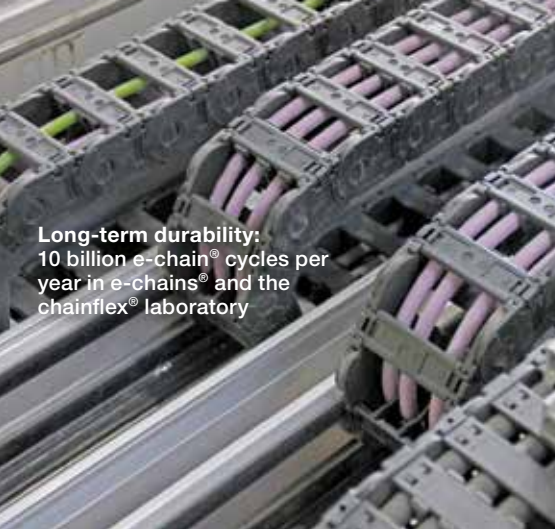


## Roller crossbar: against abrasion for a longer cable life

- Cable and hose protection due to rolling support surface
- Retrofit possible for many e-chain® series
- Usable along the inner and/or outer radius

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Long-term durability:  
10 billion e-chain® cycles per  
year in e-chains® and the  
chainflex® laboratory

## Cable torsion ...



Cable for torsion and e-chain®

- Service life test in long and short distances
- Motion test in torsion
- +/- 180° rotation angle
- Travel up to 100m



Test weight load capacity at  
high unsupported lengths

Extensive  
test  
database

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## Resistance to low temperatures ...



- Extreme test in the cold chamber
- Tested in moving energy chain down to -40°C
- More than 250 tests conducted in parallel in  
58 test facilities



## Investigation of coefficient of friction ...



- Constant load test
- Tests of wear and coefficient of friction
- Test of functioning, service life, strength and  
failure scenarios



Vibration test  
In this test, energy chains  
are subjected to vibrations  
between 30 and 60Hz

## Front loader test rig ...



- More than 3 billion test cycles per year
- Special test set-ups for specific industries
- Further information at [www.igus.eu/frontloadertest](http://www.igus.eu/frontloadertest)



Polymer bearings in a  
heavy-duty test with a  
maximum load of 500kg

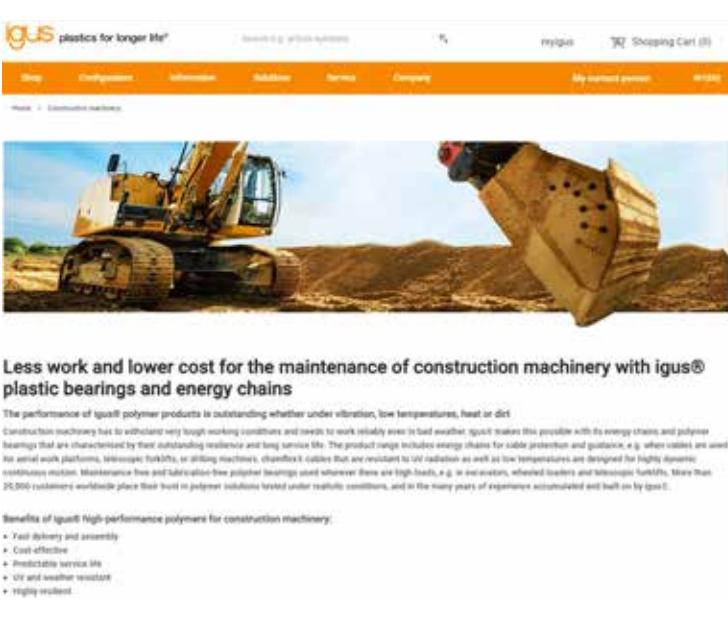
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performed per year, we have  
created what is probably the world's  
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**Less work and lower cost for the maintenance of construction machinery with igus® plastic bearings and energy chains**

The performance of igus® polymer products is outstanding whether under vibration, low temperatures, heat or dirt

Construction machinery has to withstand very tough working conditions and needs to work reliably even in bad weather. igus® makes this possible with its energy chains and polymer bearings that are characterized by their outstanding resilience and long service life. The product range includes energy chains for cable protection and guidance, e.g. when cables are used for aerial work platforms, telescopic forklifts, or drilling machines, chainflex® cables that are resistant to UV radiation as well as low temperatures are designed for highly dynamic, continuous motion. Maintenance free and lubrication free polymer bearings used wherever there are high loads, e.g. in excavators, wheeled loaders and telescopic forklifts. More than 20,000 customers worldwide place their trust in polymer solutions tested under realistic conditions, and in the many years of experience accumulated and built on by igus®.

**Benefits of igus® High-performance polymers for construction machinery:**

- Fast delivery and assembly
- Cost-effective
- Predictable service life
- UV and weather resistant
- Highly resistant

Always the right solution for elevating work platforms.

igus® is certified in accordance with ISO 9001:2015 and IATF 16949:2016 in the field of energy supply systems, cables and harnessing, as well as plastic bearings.

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