



Award-winning, innovative, uncomplicated, affordable and eligible: the iGurt from BPW and Dolezych.

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## Collaboration for safety in transport: Dolezych and BPW are now supplying the iGurt

- The leading specialist in load securing and BPW are forging a safety alliance
- iGurt: Developed along with freight forwarders and drivers, honoured with innovation awards
- Affordable technology with great safety advantage even eligible for De-minimis funding

Wiehl, 01.02.2021 --- BPW and Dolezych are now acting in concert: The leading global specialist for load securing technology and BPW Bergische Achsen KG are now marketing the iGurt developed by BPW: a more handy, intelligent sensor, which monitors the tension of the lashing strap while driving and thus protects against load damage and accidents. The multiple award-winning innovation is uncomplicated, affordable and is supported by the Federal Government.

German Innovation Award, iF Design Award, Trailer Innovation Award: The iGurt by BPW was already awarded with numerous prominent awards. It is now available: The standard packet for 99.00 euros plus VAT includes the iGurt sensor system, the Dolezych belt with 7.5 metre adjustable end (belt length) and a fixed end with DoMulti long lever pull ratchet. Purchase of the iGurt is eligible for funding via the De-minimis programme of the Federal Government. The handy sensor measures the preload during lashing and during the drive and displays this on the housing, on the driver's smartphone and also in the telematics portal upon request. This means that the cargo restraints can be monitored in real time to ensure that they are correct and this can be documented seamlessly. Damage caused by excessive tension can also be reliably avoided. The iGurt can be ordered via the customer consultant of Dolezych and BPW. The load securing system is available online at dolezych.de/shop and the portal telematics24.de/en/.

"iGurt is a great asset for transport safety, because it is an economic purchase and is absolutely uncomplicated in its use at that," explains Uwe Schöbel, Head of the Dolezych Technology Department. "Dolezych and BPW have worked together closely in coordinating the entire system. Freight forwarders, professionals from transport industry and drivers were involved in the development work, which makes the system so practical." BPW Product Manager Katharina Kermelk adds: "BPW and Dolezych are successful, globally operating family-owned companies from North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) with profound development knowledge, which actively shape the future and invest in new ideas. We are happy with this collaboration; together, we can leverage innovative solutions for safety in transport."

The load securing system is supplied in four different complete sets. Apart from the iGurt sensor, it contains Dolezych belts in different adjustable ends of 7.5 or 9.5 metre as well as fixed ends with two different ratchet types (short lever hoist ratchet for up to 300 daN preload and DoMulti long lever pull ratchet for up to 600 daN preload).

In addition, the intelligent load securing is a fixed part of the BPW campaign "Movin' Stars". This involves a total of four test trailers with system solutions from the BPW Group, which the freight forwarders can test for four to eight weeks each, free of charge. Interested vehicle operators can apply for it at <a href="https://www.bpw.de/movinstars">www.bpw.de/movinstars</a>.

In fact, an inadequately secured load is thought to be the cause of about 20 to 25 per cent of traffic accidents involving heavy goods vehicles. Regulatory bodies find fault with more than 70 per cent of inspected vehicles due to insufficient securing of loads. High penalties with costly and time-consuming re-securing and reloading work are the result, as well as high insurance costs. The 'iGurt' results in lower staffing costs for dealing with accidents – in addition, there is a noticeable benefit in road safety, driver motivation and customer satisfaction.

## About BPW Bergische Achsen Kommanditgesellschaft

BPW Bergische Achsen KG is the parent company of the BPW Group. With around 1,500 employees, including around 100 trainees, the family-run company has been developing and producing complete running gear systems for truck trailers and semi-trailers at its headquarters in Wiehl since 1898. BPW's technologies include axle systems, brake technology, suspension and bearings. BPW's trailer axles and running gear systems are in use in millions of vehicles around the world. An extensive range of services also provides vehicle manufacturers and vehicle operators with the opportunity to increase economic efficiency in their production and transport processes. <a href="https://www.bpw.de/en">www.bpw.de/en</a>

## About the BPW Group

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