Intelligent robot cable predicts failures

To be officially released at the upcoming Hannover Messe, igus is presenting a new cable that increases process reliability and safety by warning against upcoming failures.

As “smart” factories increase in popularity, so too are intelligent monitoring systems. To increase reliability and reduce the threat of failure and downtime, igus will be releasing an intelligent robot cable that warns users before failure occurs at Hannover Messe 2016.

“The intelligent robot cable predicts the future,” said Rainer Rössel, head of Chainflex continuous-flex cables at igus.

If certain parameters are exceeded during the cable’s operation in dynamic applications, a warning is triggered, indicating that the cable must be replaced within the next four weeks. “In this way, we are making a substantial contribution towards preventative maintenance and increased plant availability,” explained Rössel.

While standard cables are designed for used while fixed in place, dynamic applications require specially designed cables to prevent failure and downtime. Chainflex cables are specially stranded and shielded to optimize service life, and a range of jacket materials and cable designs stand up to even the most demanding applications. Additionally, Chainflex cables are fully guaranteed for up to 10 million cycles, thanks to years of testing in real-world application settings.

To learn more about igus Chainflex cables or the igus test lab, please visit www.igus.com/cftest.

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The new intelligent robot cable from igus warns users 4 weeks before failure occurs.

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