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## NTN-SNR provides bearings for an energy-saving car race

The 2010 edition of an energy-saving car race, called “Shell Eco-Marathon Europe” mainly sponsored by the Shell Group, took place in May on the German motor circuit of Eurospeedway Lausitz. 219 teams from high school or college all over the world (from all Europe countries, but also from Singapore, India, Morocco...) gathered to participate in the race.



INSA race car with SNR logo on top

Following the last year, NTN-SNR was the technical partner of the INSA Lyon college in France, providing especially ceramic wheel ball bearings.

The objective of the race is to find innovative solutions to problems of energy savings and sustainable mobility. Basically bearing is an ecological product. Its main function: reduce frictions to allow a greater energetic efficiency. Therefore, NTN-SNR is naturally a good Partner for an energy-saving car race.

In the race, students competed in driving more kilometres as possible with only one litter of fuel. The challenge is simple: to design, build and drive the most fuel-efficient vehicle.

The INSA college team covered 1,821 km, extending 450 km compared to the last year, and ranked in the 7<sup>th</sup> out of 67 teams in the prototype- internal combustion engine category!

To achieve the athletic and ecological performance challenge, NTN-SNR has given to the partners-team all its nearly-one-century know-how in automotive, aerospace and industry.



Who drives the most fuel-efficient vehicle?