

SAFETY NOTICE

Hexagon Screw with collar M18x1, 5x65 for the SAF-HOLLAND hub unit:

For quite some time now, replica Hexagon Screws have been sold in the market

Ref. 04 343 2801 10 (among others, in hub unit reference 03 434 3650 00)

which, from a geometric perspective, can be installed in SAF axles as a replacement for our own original Hexagon Screws.

However, the replica Screws differ dramatically from our original Screws. A standardized material analysis of the replica screws showed that these screws were weakened through the manufacturer's production process. This can result in separating the screw head at even low torque!

For you as a customer, it is virtually impossible to visually identify this technical difference between the original Hexagon Screws and the replica Hexagon Screws on the market. Even in a proper screw connection of the replica Hexagon Screws, cracks can occur around the screw head, which you as a user can neither see nor identify. If strain is put on the Hexagon Screws during usage, the screw head can break away, which among other things can result in the wheel coming off. Among other things, disconnected screw heads whilst driving can be damaging to other road users, as they can release themselves from the rest of the screw uncontrolled.

This is, according to current findings, the basis for a safety risk, as a sufficient screw connection can no longer be guaranteed. Screw parts, which break and fall off, can also represent a danger to others. According to the information we currently have available, a danger from the replica Hexagon Screws cannot be ruled out, therefore we advise that the utmost caution should be used in this regard.

We also would like to inform you, that the Hexagon screws have been developed just for one-time usage. If they have been tightened acc. to the specification and they will be loosened, new Hexagon screws have to be used.

We hereby explicitly state that we have at no time authorized the use of the replica products and we will never authorize their use in the future. Should they nevertheless be used with our axles, we must reject any liability for any damage that may arise as a result.

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Please inform all of your customers and/or purchasers who may be affected.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please get in touch with us at 0049/(0)6095/301-301.



Replica Hexagon Screw



Original SAF Hexagon Screw



Microscopic cracks around the screw head of the replica Hexagon screw.



SAF marking on the original SAF- Hexagon screw including part number 2801. The screw head also states the manufacturing category (10.9) on the screw head