

## SAFETY NOTICE

**Ref. Hexagon Screw with collar M18x1, 5x65 for the SAF-HOLLAND hub unit:  
Ref. 04 343 2801 10 (among others, in hub unit reference 03 434 3650 00)**

For quite some time now, replica Hexagon Screws have been sold in the market, which can be installed in SAF axles, as a replacement for the original SAF Hexagon Screws.

**However, the replica screws differ dramatically from the original SAF Screws.**

Analysis of the material properties on these 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!



Replica screw



SAF screw

It is virtually impossible to visually identify these technical differences between the original SAF Hexagon Screws and the replica Hexagon Screws on the market.

When the replica Hexagon Screws are fitted, cracks can occur around the screw head, which cannot be seen nor identified. If strain is put on the replica Hexagon Screws during usage, the screw head can break away, which among other things can result in the wheel coming off. Besides this, disconnected screw heads, whilst driving, can be dangerous/damaging to other road users and/or pedestrians.

According to the information we currently have available, and the danger these replica Hexagon Screws represent, we therefore advise that the utmost caution should be used in this regard.

We would also like to inform you, that the SAF Hexagon Screws have been developed for one-time usage ONLY. If they have been tightened according to the specification, they stretch and therefore cannot be used again so, NEW SAF Hexagon Screws have to be used.

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

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



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



If you require further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us on 01509 600 185