

Fastener Import Grows 11% in Brazil

Without considering December and to close the annual balance, the import was around US\$ 614 million. Earlier January 2018 some predictions bet to achieve an economic growth above 2.5% to 3.0% in Brazil; however, the truckers strikes during May and other factors such as the elections prevented the Brazilians from getting better luck. This year the GDP would be around 1.5%.

But during the Q3 the South American giant achieved a growth of 0.8%. Now, there is a huge expectation for 2019, especially on construction, with more than 3 thousand paralyzed infrastructure works that the new Republic President Jair Bolsonaro promises to restart.

Despite these “mild results”, the fastener imports already show a relevant increase compared with 2017 and totalled US\$ 614.59 million (+11%) from January to November, hitting at 116,756 tons (12.2%) and the average price per kg of US\$ 5.264 (-1.1%).

On the other hand, the sales of fasteners “Made in Brazil” reached the revenue of US\$ 129,65 million (+25%), hitting at 23,194 tons (5.3%) and the average price per kg of US\$ 5.59 (18.8%).

Currently fasteners represent 0.43% of the total manufactured product imports, being the 47th in the ranking of imports. Meanwhile, fasteners “Made in Brazil” represent 0.16% of the total manufactured products exported, being the 92th in the ranking of exports.

Low Torque Level on Seat Fasteners Makes Nissan Announce Recall

Less than one month before the Carlos Ghosn scandal, on October 26, 2018 the Brazilian online “Revista Auto Esporte” disclosed a new problem that Nissan had been facing. The automaker had started a recall involving 245 cars to verify the positioning in the front passenger seat. This recall involved 131 Kicks and 114 Versa unit models, both manufactured in April 2018. According to the automaker, it was detected that the four seat screws might have been mounted with a torque below the specified value. These seats may not be very well positioned and fixed, and this can compromise the efficiency of the safety system in the event of a collision.



Ford Trucks: Recall Originated from Spherical Pin

The Ford Motor Company Brazil Ltda. finished last October calling the owners of trucks Ford Cargo 816, models produced in

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2018 and 2019, for maintenance. According to the automaker, the steering column spherical pin may not have received the appropriate heat treatment in its production process, which can cause the steering bar to loosen while the vehicle is in motion.



Obviously, this involves accident risks, which requires verification and, if necessary, maintenance. In the statement, the Ford recommended owners should not use these vehicles until the due repair, which will take around 30 minutes.

Ciser Launches Screwdrivers Tips

The largest Latin American fastener manufacturer, Ciser adds new items to its portfolio of 27,000 products. The announced launch is of two tip patterns, used for the application of slotted screws. The new lines are the double Phillips magnetic tip, for use with Phillips screwdrivers, together with screwdrivers, to allow faster fastening, and the Phillips tip with limiter, for Drywall type screws, in order to limit the depth of penetration of the screw into the plasterboard. The lines are intended primarily for installer professionals on wood and plaster. ■

