

REAL VERSUS FAKE



MTC Multi-Treatment Cartridge

Cheap copies may be attractive because of their low prices, but they can have fatal consequences. Haldex warns in particular, about counterfeits of its multi-treatment cartridge for air dryers.





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In a worst case scenario, the braking system may fail

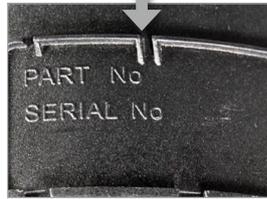
Counterfeit cartridges contain fewer granules than original Haldex cartridges. In addition, the composition of the desiccant itself differs from that in the original Haldex cartridge. Both defects considerably reduce the counterfeit's drying power, which poses significant risks when the component is in operation.

For instance, water may accumulate in the braking system. Depending on circumstances, this may, in turn, lead to brake valve and air tank corrosion. In winter especially, this can cause accidents due to brake failure when brake valves freeze. But that is not all: lower grade desiccant granules may dissolve when they are continually wet and may get inside the brake valves and cause other risks. This contamination can lead to intense and potentially treacherous friction, possibly resulting in abrupt deterioration of the braking system and a sudden and total failure of the system.

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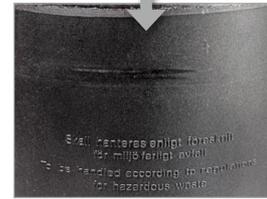
With the counterfeit MTC, unsuspecting customers think they are buying an original Haldex part. At first glance, the counterfeit cartridge is difficult to distinguish from the original.

Original: Haldex part number is visible



Copy: No Haldex part number

Original: "Haldex patented" is inscribed on the casing



Copy: No "Haldex patented" on casing

Original: Base plate is flat



Copy: Base plate is curved

Look for the following characteristics to identify an authentic Haldex cartridge:

- › "Haldex patented" inscription on the casing
- › Identification of the Haldex part number 90588 (MTC) or 92528 (MTC+) with laser marking
- › The manufacturing week (WWYY) with laser marking

The message is clear



It is good to trust, but better to check: Haldex advises vehicle owners and fleet operators to insist that workshops use original spare parts. If inferior spare parts are nonetheless installed, in some circumstances liability can pass to the workshop and recourse demanded. It is obvious that the consequences of this are devastating not only in terms of safety but also costly repairs. Thousands of euros in repair costs may be suddenly incurred for the few euros saved through the purchase of a cheaper cartridge.



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