



# Brazilian News

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## Jomarca: 50 Years

In 1969, the same year that American astronaut Neil Armstrong walked on the moon for the first time, a young fastener sales agent began his career as an industrial businessman. So, João Marques Castelhan, a Portuguese immigrant, founded the Jomarca Industrial de Parafusos, at that time just a modest company to produce some few kinds of fasteners. Since then, Jomarca has been expanding, having currently more than 700 employees, capable of producing more than 3.1 thousand tons per month, and created subsidiaries consolidated as Jomarca Group.



The Jomarca President - João, as everybody ever calls him - is a person attentive to all company activities. In addition, currently, the Vice-President, Ricardo Marques Castelhan, the João's son, is leading the company for a new era. Under Ricardo's administration the Company has been introduced modern concepts and shown great expansion on the market.

Located in São Paulo state, Guarulhos City, less than 5 km away from the largest South America airport, the Jomarca industrial plant and headquarters, is the center of production and main warehouse of a wide product line of bolts, screws, nuts, washers, pins, rivets, threaded bars and other fasteners, items present in the industrial sectors of furniture, electrical and electronic materials, auto parts, shoes, toys, civil construction and others.

## Brazilian GDP Fell in Q1, but the Automotive Sector Keeps Growing

Vale S.A. is the second-largest mining company in the world and leader in iron ore production, with operations in over 30 countries. Some economic analyses attribute the disaster involving the Company last November as the main cause for a 0.2% fall in GDP - Gross Domestic Product, in Brazil, compared with Q4 2018. However, compared with Q1 2018, the result is a positive 0.5%.

However, scenarios still show sectors in better situations, such as the automotive industry that produced more than 1.241 million units between January and May 2019, against the 1.178 million from the same period in 2018, an increase of 5.3%.

From the total above, in the first five months around 45.5 thousand units of trucks were produced (10.9%) against 41.0 thousand units in 2018. However, the agricultural and road machinery fell, producing just 20.7 thousand units (-4.2%) against 21.6 thousand units in 2018.

About "two wheelers", between January and April, the motorcycle production accumulated to 368,055 units (5.76%), against the 348,009 units during the same period last year.

## Peugeot Faces a Recall Due to Inadequate Torque

At the end of May 2019, the unit of Peugeot in Brazil began a recall involving 1,078 units of the Expert version, produced between 2017 and 2018 due to inadequate torque application. Poorly fastened, there may be displacement of the wheels, causing risk of loss of control of the vehicle.



The maintenance involves inspection and reinforcement or replacement of the assembly, whose process can last for 1 hour.

## Recall: Porsche Has Problems with Rivets



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According to the site Garagem360.com.br, the models Porsche 718 Boxster, 718 Cayman and 911 were recalled for maintenance involving rivets used in the trunk. There is a defect in the connection between the longitudinal part and the crossbar of the luggage compartment, which in the event of a frontal collision, failure can compromise the fuel system, cause leaks and lead to serious accidents. The recall involves the models from 2012-2019, manufactured between February 23, 2016 and February 14, 2019. The repair consists of installing blind rivets, a service that takes about 15 minutes.



## Ejot-Fey, 5 Years

In October 2014 an agreement was made between the Metalúrgica Fey (Brazil) and Ejot (Germany), which later resulted in the formation of a joint venture, based in Indaial Town, Santa Catarina State, Brazil. Since then, the Ejot-Fey Fastening Systems has been operating and providing innovative products to the most demanding sectors in Brazil, such as the automotive and construction industries.

“Our aims are not limited to delivering bolts. We also provide customers with engineering advice as part of the package provided”, said Mr. Yalçin Cihan.



Yalçin Cihan and Ricardo Fey, in Ejot-Fey production unit

BTW: Fey and Ejot are part of the GFA Global Fastener Alliance, a global network of eight high-performance fasteners suppliers, including Richard Bergner and Böllhoff (Germany), Jinhap (South Korea), ATF and the MacLean-Fogg Component Solutions (both USA) and Kato Rashi (Japan).

## Fasteners Manufacturers in Argentina and Brazil Join to Provide for European and North American Markets



Ivan Reszecki (Metaltork) and Aldo Héctor Lo Russo (Taller Baigorria)

During the last Brazil Windpower, the trade fair for the wind energy sector, a partnership between the Metaltork (Brazil) and Taller Baigorria (Argentina) was announced. Together, these two fastener manufacturers will produce bolts, nuts, and other items for fixing in towers and wind turbines, and will also provide for the automotive sector.

Taller Baigorria was founded in 1960 and is a manufacturer of fasteners certified to ISO-9001 and ISO/TS 16949. It provides for automotive lines, machinery, agricultural implements and road transport.

Founded in 1968 by brothers João and Pedro Reszecki, Russian immigrants, the Metaltork produces a complete line of bolts, nuts, and special parts. The company is certified to IATF 16949:2016 and its manufacturing capacity is around 2,000 tons per month, making it one of the most important Brazilian suppliers in the automotive, oil & gas, wind energy and other sectors. □

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