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Parafusos Lipos Celebrates 70 years

Founded by Italian immigrants, the Brazilian company keeps steadfast development as a fastener providing expert for car and, mainly, motorcycle production (representing 90% its core business).

The Industrial Metalúrgica Lipos Ltda in São Paulo city (in the São Paulo State) was officially registered on February 25, 1949. Soon after that, the young industry moved about 20 km away to the Mauá town, where it is still located today, thus beginning its history as a manufacturer of fasteners, led by Italian brothers Antônio, Germano, Liberali, Luiz and cousin Sylvio, all surnamed Polisel.

Despite the concern to keep all employees, the economic crisis made the company reduce the number of employees from 180 to 147 since 2015. However, the economic landscape has signalled to get improvement, especially if the domestic motorcycle industry keeps recovering, told Celso, Germano and Ione Polisel, directors from the second generation family members.

Certified to IATF 16949, today the Lipos headquarters spans the total area of 12,000 sq. m². Its monthly capacity of M3-M16 items (such as screws, bolts, rivets, pins and special parts like rods, hooks and others made from wire rod) is around 450 tons.



Ciser Named a New National Sales Manager

After 25 years of technical, commercial and marketing activities in Brazil and abroad, Renato Fiore has taken on the challenge of leading the largest fastener industry in Latin America, the Ciser, especially in 2019 when the company completes 60 years of activities. The last few years have marked some major investments in Ciser unities, especially in Santa Catarina State, and in its automotive fasteners unit in Minas Gerais State. The new manager has declared that his team is committed to working intensely to strengthen relationships internally and externally.



Mercedes-Benz

Mercedes-Benz Announces Recall Over the Axor Truck Model Due to Overtightening of Fasteners

Since last January, the unit of Mercedes-Benz in Brazil has started a recall involving the Axor trucks series manufactured between December 2015 and March 2018. The reason for the recall is for replacement of the fasteners used on the auxiliary fuel tank holders. The automaker reported in a statement that the fastener tightening may have exceeded the technical specifications, which may lead to cracking or even breaking and, in extreme situations, could result in the release of the support and tank, with risks of accidents and damages. This recall also involves Argentina, according to the information from Procon Foundation.



Volkswagen Model Saveiro Involved with Recall Due to Assembly Failure of Brake Fasteners

Since last January, the Brazilian unit of Volkswagen (VW) activated a recall process on its Saveiro model for 2014-2018 (manufactured between 06/17/2013 and 16/08/2017), due to the possible defect in the rear brake system. VW found that there was a failure to fit the fastening elements of the rear brake calliper assembly, which could break loose. The time of repair and replacement of these fasteners is estimated to be within 40 minutes. ■