



BPW axles and Pirate Parts

There have recently been a number of cases where BPW axles and suspensions have suffered **failures and breakages** due to the fitment of **non-original or pirate parts** in place of genuine or approved parts.

- In one case a large fleet of tankers in Vanderbijl Park had five bearing failures in one month. Upon investigation it was found that they were utilising a replacement hub made in England and reputed to work fine on BPW axles. Further investigation showed that the BPW seal did not fit correctly in this pirate hub and this allowed the ingress of dirt and moisture that resulted in the bearing failures.
- In a second case a large fleet of tipper trailers operating out of Piet Retief experienced a rash of bearing failures on their Eco Plus axles. When we investigated it was found to be a result of the wrong quality of grease being used in the re-greasing of the bearings.

If you are considering purchasing “alternative”, non-genuine or pirate spare parts for your BPW axles and suspensions consider the following: -

- All **original BPW axles, suspensions and components** are designed and made to the most **stringent European Standards**. Pirate parts are not designed to these same stringent levels.
- All **BPW components** are made to extremely **close and accurate tolerances and specifications**. Pirate parts are not made to these same specifications and using them will negatively affect the other parts to which they are fitted.
- All **original and genuine BPW components** are warranted and backed by a company that is the **largest axle and suspension manufacturer in Europe**. Their quality is therefore assured.

The use of “alternative”, non-genuine or pirate parts in any shape or form on a BPW product will immediately invalidate any and all warranties on said product.

In order to obtain the extremely high levels of reliability in operation that are available from BPW axles and suspensions you must ensure that only genuine parts and lubricants are used when servicing.

Pirate parts often look and feel the same as the genuine parts; they only reveal their true colours when they fail.

If you are in any way unsure of the quality or validity of the parts you are using on your BPW axles and suspensions please contact **Stephen du Toit on (082) 901-2639** or **Zehraan Rassool on (082) 901-5327** for assistance.

