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Quality Statement regarding Electroplated Coating of High Tensile Fasteners in relation to potential risks caused by Hydrogen Embrittlement.

Hydrogen embrittlement occurs in heat treated products which are chemically cleaned and/or subject to electro chemical treatments.

During the coating process, Hydrogen may be absorbed and can result in the product failure.

Parts that are at risk have a tensile strength equal or greater than 10.9 quality (Metric series) T quality/SAE 8 (Inch series).

Baking (De-Embrittlement) will minimise this risk, but complete elimination of Hydrogen embrittlement cannot be assured or guaranteed by SFC (Europe) Limited.