

LOT #180 Improved Vehicle Seat Belt Reel

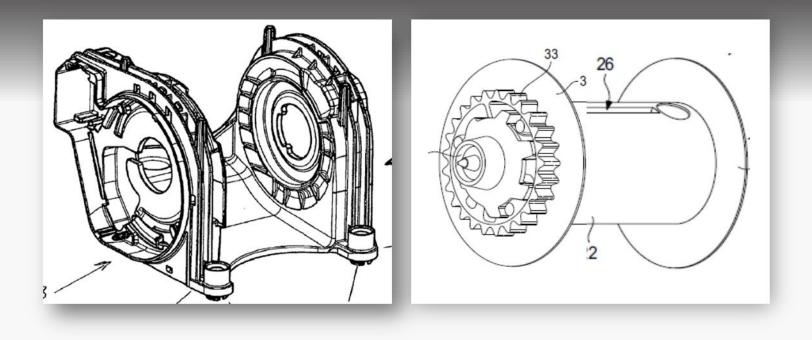






ADOLF FÖHL GMBH & CO KG PATENTS FOR PLASTIC BELT RETRACTOR FOR SAFETY BELTS

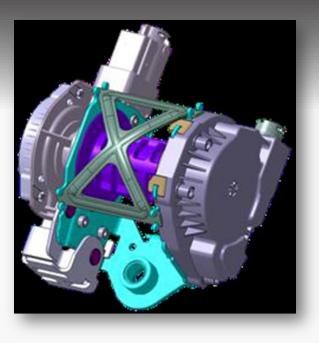
PATENTS FOR PLASTIC BELT RETRACTOR HOUSING AND PLASTIC BELT RETRACTOR REEL (SPOOL)





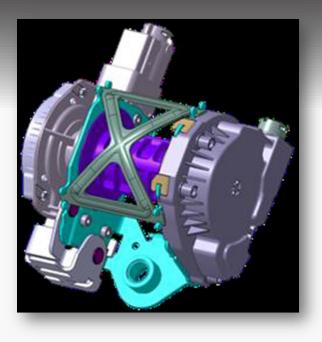
TODAY'S TECHNICAL REALIZATION

- 1. Belt retractor housing made of sheet steel as punched bending part
- 2. Belt retractor reel (spool) made of aluminum as a die-cast part



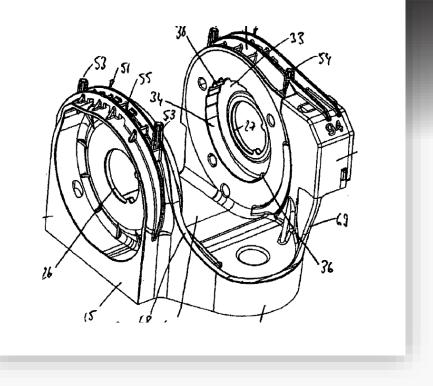
USE IN ALL RESTRAINT SYSTEMS

- with and without force limitation
- with and without belt tensioners
- reversible and irreversible systems



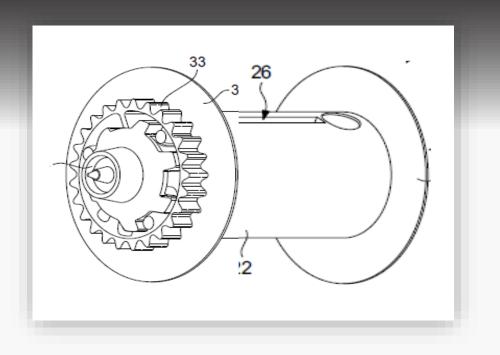
BELT RETRACTOR HOUSING

- Belt retractor housing in plastic
- One-piece housing made of glass fiber reinforced plastic
- Plastic injection molded part



BELT RETRACTOR REEL (SPOOL)

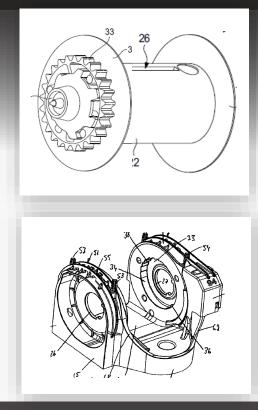
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ADVANTAGES

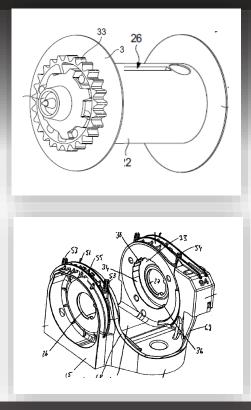
- Coil weight reduction: 0.2 to 0.4 kg
- Cost reduction coil: 1 to 2 €
- Weight reduction housing: 0.5 to 0.7 kg
- Cost reduction housing: 2 to 3 €
- Higher accuracies, smaller tolerances
- -> depends on design and material plastic instead of aluminum or zinc
- -> all data related to vehicle with 5 belts

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Can be used in all systems (with/without force limitation, reversible/irreversible, with/without tightener)
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CURRENT STATE:

- Tests and examinations done see next page
- Patents for belt retractor housing granted for EP (CH, CZ, ES, FR, GB, IT, LI, PL, RO, TR), CN, BR, KR, US, applied in IN
- Patents for belt retractor reel granted for US and CN



ASSEMBLY PLASTIC BELT RETRACTOR TEST RESULTS - BRIEF OVERVIEW

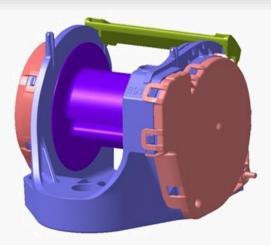
- One tool for all variations (exchangable insert in tool)
- Significant cost reduction through material selection and production
- optional with free thread

Reel housing Variation including force limiter



Reel housing Variation without force limiter



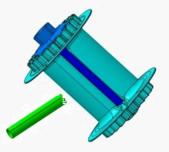


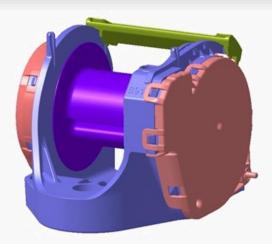
ASSEMBLY PLASTIC BELT RETRACTOR TEST RESULTS - BRIEF OVERVIEW

Spool assembly variation without torsion bar



Spool assembly Variation with torsion bar







TEST RESULTS SPOOL IN REEL HOUSING

1. including torsion bar - all tests passed

All torsion bars (TB) simplified pressed (teeth not formed)

• Breaking load, static (April 2010):

	sed
450 BP* (TB diameter 8)	
450 BP (TB diameter 12, milled	
600 BP (TB diameter 10)	
Full deduction (TB diameter 8)	
Full deduction (TB diameter 12)	

- Spool materials used: PA 6 /6.6 with 50%-60% glass fiber content
- after design optimization a further weight reduction of approx. 10-20% seems feasible

*BP – Belt Path in mm

TEST RESULTS SPOOL IN REEL HOUSING

2. <u>without</u> torsion bar

All torsion bars (TB) simplified pressed (teeth not formed)

• Breaking load, static (April 2010):





- Spool materials used: PA 6 /6.6 with 50%-60% glass fiber content
- after design optimization a further weight reduction of approx. 10-20% seems feasible

The plastic will generally hold more dynamically than statically, therefore static tests were intensified.

TEST RESULTS REEL HOUSING

all tests passed, sampling without tool change

• Breaking load, static (April 2010):

450 BP (TB diameter 10.5) Full deduction 1/2 support also with injected thread (full support)

• Breaking load, **dynamic** (April 2010):

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Rt, +85°, -35°	
70000 Digits –96°	
450 BP (TB diameter 10.5)	
Full deduction	
UWS	
UV resistance	





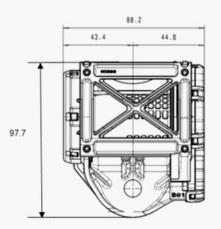
TEST RESULTS REEL HOUSING

- Materials used: PA 6 /6.6 with 30%, 40%, 50% glass fiber content
- after design optimization 15 kN are also feasible with PP 50% glass fiber content, which would allow a further cost reduction as well as a further weight reduction to approx. 85g
- The plastic will generally hold more dynamically than statical



TEST RESULTS ASSEMBLY PLASTIC BELT RETRACTOR

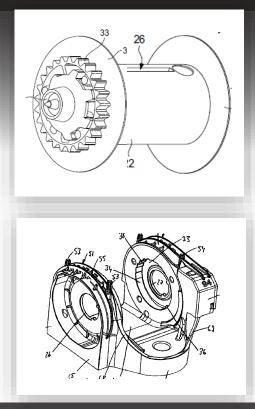
- Lock tightener suitability tested
- Roll up tightener suitable tested
- Same parts for specifications AK, ECE with and without torsion bar
- existing know-how about tools, assembly lines, additional features at the inventor's site
- Function known and proven over many years
- stable process, all important dimensions are tool-bound
- lighter and more cost effective than all previous solutions weight without torsion-bar: 253g weight including torsion-bar: 280g
 → weight savings compared to previous solutions: 50-100g



MARKET POTENTIAL

- Worldwide demand for approx. 761 million cars 2/3 of which are in China (23.2 m), USA (13.7m) and Europe (11.3m)
- Plus trucks China (0.8m), USA (0.5m) and Europe (0.3m) with a CAGR of 10 %

Source: VDA, statistical registration data for 2021/2022



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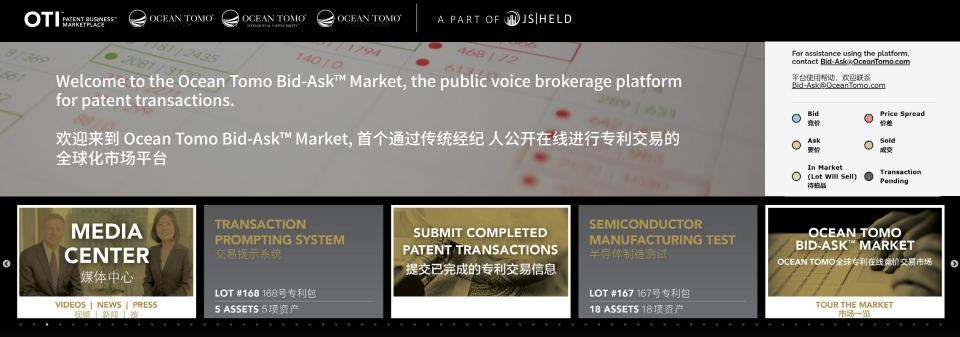
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