

Press release

NEW THREADLOCKING STICKS PERFORM EVEN BETTER

The self-loosening of threaded fasteners is a leading cause of catastrophic failure in industrial machinery so maintaining appropriate clamping forces is an important element in their effectiveness. LOCTITE® anaerobic threadlockers from Henkel have proven an excellent method of keeping fasteners firmly in place and there is a wide range available from which to choose the best for the job.

For applications where a liquid product may be too fluid to stay on the part or difficult to apply, LOCTITE® 248 and 268 Sticks have been a popular choice. Continuous development of their formulation however has now allowed these wax-like, semi-solids to offer even more performance benefits.

The new LOCTITE® 248 is the medium strength, single component product for threads up to M50 and LOCTITE® 268, its high strength counterpart. The colours blue and red differentiate the respective products visually.

As with the LOCTITE® liquid anaerobic adhesives, both LOCTITE® 248 and 268 cure in the absence of air when confined between close fitting metal surfaces. These products have always been suitable for use on a wide variety of metal surfaces but now they are also much more effective on passive substrates such as stainless steel.

The health and safety credentials of these latest generation sticks are also improved, as is their tolerance of oil, making them less sensitive to improperly cleaned parts. And importantly these qualities have been achieved without compromising any of the products' other key properties such as chemical resistance and shelf life.

More information on these new additions and the entire LOCTITE® threadlocking adhesive range can be found at www.loctite.co.uk

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