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**New product introduction:**

**The self-tapping composite screw stud that blends in any design: CAF-COMPO**

Press release, September 2017

**Imagine a screw stud on deck of your beautiful boat used to fix a cover being 100% corrosion free and that blends away in the deck color. A final farewell to those annoying eye-catching points that stand out of the smooth design lines, even if they are not corroded. Designers love to have the beautiful lines and shapes of their product not being disrupted by those inevitable points to hold cushions, blinds, carpets or covers down on deck. While it entails the exact same and quick installation as a normal screw stud. A unique formula of smart design and high quality materials make it possible to have a composite self-tapping screw stud for use in fiber glass, wood and other composites.**

CAF-COMPO screw-stud: enabling marine fabricators and boat builders to have their products really stand off from the crowd.

CAF-compo screw-stud is a composite self-tapping screw stud for use in fiber glass, wood and other composites. The stud is the lower part of a snap or ring-spring press fastener system. The stud will fit any regular ring spring socket, no matter the material nor supplier. It comes in a few white variants to match deck colour of yachts, light grey and black, or any custom colour you like. And finally, no issue with corrosion or wearing out. A version with a metric thread makes it possible to solve the corrosion issue on any aluminum surface, like window-frames. The US Navy showed interest in the features of weight reduction (over 50%) and non-reflective to enable stealth-mode.

Until now, it was considered not possible to have a composite screw tap its way into a hard surface like polyester.

It is good to know that the features of this product idea are on top of any boat builders' wish list for quite some time. The product development is initiated by concrete and specific market needs; as technology was not met up for a thermoplastic to self-tap into a thermosetting material like fiber-glass. We are happy to see that enthusiasm being confirmed by some upfront orders and investments from clients. A smart design of a.o. the tapping thread combined with one of the hardest material available makes it possible. Initially it is designed to fix fabric, like covers, cushions and blinds, on boats. The applications are numerous if you realize that developments of composites are only to enhance resistance to outdoor conditions, without compromising convenience or basic functionality.



made to match  
the only screw-stud  
matching any design



The stud fits any ring-spring socket available in the market and is positively tested to hold 500N shear force. It is UV-stabilized and even a strong blow of a hammer on the back will not have the stud to pop out of the surface.



CAF-COMPO is introduced in fall 2017 and is nominated for the IBEX Innovation Award 2017. CAF-COMPO received an HONORABLE MENTION of

the IFF IFAI Innovation Award. The overwhelming positive reactions made us determined to conquer the world with this next generation fastener.

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Company information:

SUREFAS B.V. is a Dutch company founded in 2003 and is dedicated to offer smart and high quality solutions for textile fasteners. SUREFAS is the company name behind the invention of PERFIX, a secured fastener with no protruding pins (safe and secure) and Q-SNAP, a secured fastener with stretch function. The products are known for their quality and are worked out in every minor detail and for all stakeholders. It is selling its products in over 35 countries. With this experience and dedication CAF-COMPO® is introduced. And there is more to come.

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