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Socket Boy Visited  
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from 25th to 27th March 2025.

We profile seven exhibiting companies!



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## Fastener Fair Global

Fastener Fair Global is the world's largest fastener exhibition, taking place every two years in Germany. This year, over 1,000 companies exhibited, attracting more than 10,000 visitors!

## 1. Reyher



### Delivering Attentive, Customer-Centered Service for Over 130 Years

Founded in 1887, Reyher is a German trading company with a long-standing reputation for excellence. Today, it serves more than 12,000 customers worldwide, supplying a wide range of industries including automobile and chemical sectors. Thanks to its fully automated warehouse system, Reyher can ship products within 24 hours to customers across Europe. With a workforce of over 960 employees representing 16 nationalities, the company embraces diversity as a key strength in meeting the varied needs of its international clientele.

We visited Reyher's headquarters, located in the heart of Hamburg. The expansive site spans more than 40,000 square meters, most of which is dedicated to its cutting-edge logistics centre. Inside, the fully automated warehouse operates with remarkable precision – products are in constant motion from arrival to dispatch, ensuring a seamless and uninterrupted flow of goods every day.

At the core of Reyher's successes are its unwavering commitment to quality control and on-time delivery. The company prioritises service over cost. We spoke with Mr. Michael Martsch, Vice President Sales, who explained: "It depends on the industry. For example, customers in the wind power sector prioritise product quality above all. That's why we adapt our services based on the customers' industry and specific requirements".

### Let's explore REYHER!



Products are delivered all over the world from this warehouse.



Scrap products are sold at the storefront. Some employees purchased them in the past.



Photo with Socket Boy!

## 2. Nakaumi Vietnam co., Ltd

### Delivering high quality threaded rods from Vietnam to the world

Nakaumi Vietnam Co., Ltd, headquartered in Japan, manufactures threaded rods in Vietnam. With a monthly output of 750 to 800 tons, 90% of their products are sold in Japan and the remaining 10% distributed within Vietnam. In early 2025, they began receiving more orders from Europe, prompting their first appearance at Fastener Fair Global to expand their international profile.

President Yoshifumi Taniguchi shared his impressions of the event. "While I was overwhelmed by the scale of other exhibitors, I want to turn this feeling into motivation for future growth. We are here this time with the mindset of representing Japanese manufacturers." He wanted to highlight the quality of their products saying, "threaded rods may not show obvious differences in quality at first glance, but I hope this exhibition helps people recognize our product's superior quality."

Their booth, staffed by employees dressed in vibrant traditional embroidered Vietnamese costumes, was one of the most visited in the hall. Expectations are rising for Nakaumi Vietnam Co., Ltd's continued global success.



## 3. Hafren Fasteners

### Protecting the world with anti-theft fasteners



Hafren Fasteners' original gummy sweets

Hafren Fasteners is a UK-based trading company specialized in anti-theft fasteners. Guided by their stated mission, 'Stamping out the impact of theft globally', they supply products to hospitals, playgrounds, EV chargers, prisons and more. Unlike companies that offer both standard and security fasteners, Hafren focuses exclusively on anti-theft solutions. A company representative emphasized their strong sense of mission to protect secure environments worldwide.



## 4. Ambrovit S.P.A.

### Innovative services that prioritize customer convenience

Ambrovit S.P.A. is an Italian company that started life as a manufacturer in 1997 but is now best known as a distributor, particularly of innovative products that help retailers. Their primary market is Europe, but they export to over 50 countries.

In 2024, Ambrovit launched a new service called 'Go Easy!', a system for selling products together with the matching sales racks. Designed for DIY end users, this product reduces the time needed by retailers to set up displays while allowing them to sell goods in smaller quantities. Their vivid yellow and black racks are very eye-catching and certain to leave a lasting impression.

Ambrovit is constantly developing new services to help companies with the need to improve customer convenience. Along with Go Easy!, they introduced their automated warehouses, Orion and Proxima, allowing them to ship 18,000 in-stock products within 24 to 48 hours. This service was devised based on the need to deliver more products swiftly to their customers. Their new products are definitely worth watching out for.



## 5. Kobout B.V.

Kobout BV is a Dutch distributor mainly dealing with imported products. They are well-known for their wide range of packages of stainless steel and carbon steel fasteners. Their main market is Europe. In the Netherlands, where livestock farming is thriving, they supply products for greenhouses and cattle sheds.



You could find traditional Dutch stroopwafels, at their booth!

## 6. Keller & Kalmbach



This device manages inventory by weight and is designed to automatically place an order when supplies run low.

## 7. Lederer GmbH

Lederer GmbH is a German trading company specializing in a wide range of stainless steel fasteners. They mainly handle standard products and supply them globally, focusing mainly on Europe. What sets them apart is their commitment to service. As a family-run business that has grown without acquisitions, they maintain the flexibility to respond quickly and personally to customers' needs.



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We met our media partners!



Bubble Tea on offer at the Fastener World booth!



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# NEJIDO

- The Road for Those Living in the Fastener Industry -

## From Overseas Expansion to Training the Next Generation

### - Unytite's History and Future Challenges-

#### Vol.1 Unytite Corporation

##### President Atsushi Hashimoto

Mr. Atsushi Hashimoto joined Unytite Corporation when he started his master's course at Doshisha University in 2007. For the first three years, he sold machine keys for Seiki Shiryo Company, a Unytite-related company. In 2011, he established Suzhou Unytite Precision Co., Ltd. and in 2014, he was transferred to the US to work as a sales manager at Unytite Inc. In January 2020, he became the President of Unytite Inc. and in June 2025, he was promoted to the position of President of the Unytite Corporation. He has been a member of Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI), an institute for fastener manufacturers in North America, since 2015. In 2024, he became the chairman of Division 1 of IFI and has been a board member of IFI since 2025, committed to rejuvenating and developing the industry.

##### The Reasons Behind of Expanding Business Abroad

"It was the foreign exchange issue that triggered the move abroad" said the Chairman Jun Hashimoto. Although Unytite primarily exported to the US in 1980s, they decided to manufacture in the US due to the appreciation of the Japanese Yen.



## Future Objectives

Mr. Atsushi Hashimoto says about the future, 'I would like to make the organisation that can adapt to environmental changes'. Mr. Jun Hashimoto, the current chairman and also the father of Mr. Atsushi Hashimoto is 75 years old and many employees are in their 60s, with few in their 40s or 50s. When these veterans retire, there will be a major transition. To achieve further growth as an organisation during this transition, the company is focussing on training young people and promoting intergenerational communications.

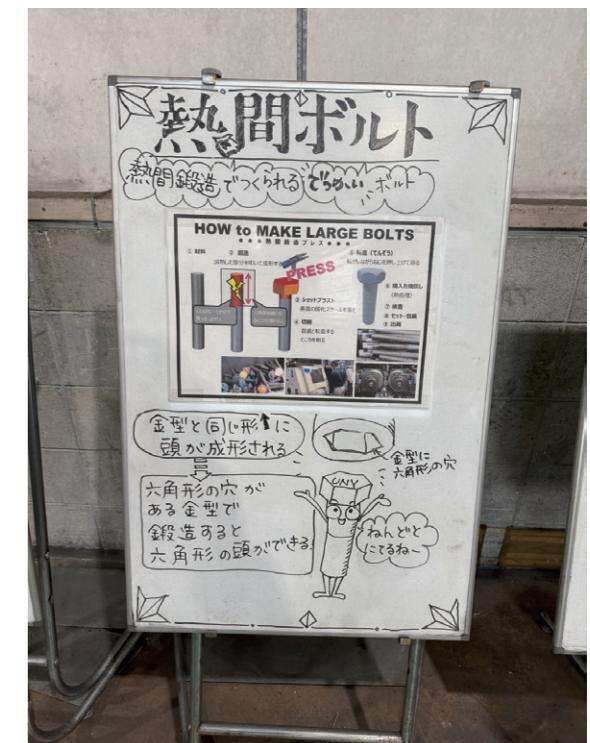
In terms of sales, the group as a whole is currently reaching at almost 30 billion yen. They aim to reach 35 to 40 billion yen by expanding their business outside the US and Japan. President Hashimoto also says, 'when people hear the Unytite name, we would like them think of a leading manufacturer both in Japan and globally'. To achieve this, they plan to strengthen their foundations in the US and China and participate in exhibitions in parts of Asia, such as Indonesia and Thailand.

## Product Recommendation

A recommended product is UNY Torshear, also known as Tension Control Bolts. Although many buildings abroad are made of concrete, the demand for structural torshear-type, high-strength bolts is increasing due to their features such as stable axial forces, ease of construction management and lower construction costs. The aim is to increase sales not only in Japan but also globally and to become number one in terms of the global market share.



The president gave us a tour around the factory!



Handwritten information board explaining hot-forged bolts



Bearing Mounting Bolt

# Fasteners of the Month

Monthly Recommended Products from Sunco

Hexagon Socket Head  
Cap Screws

Pre-Assembled  
Screws

Nuts & Bolts

Washers

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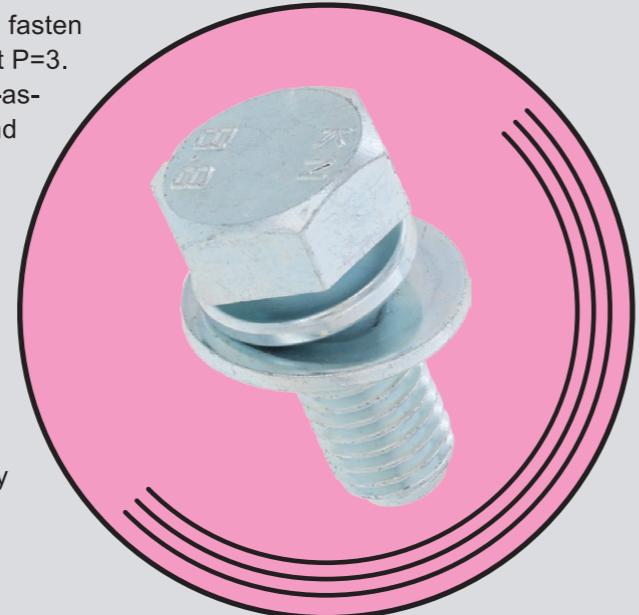
Do you find it troublesome to insert washers every time you fasten hexagon bolts? If so, we recommend 8.8 hexagon (head) bolt P=3. This product comes with spring washer and JIS washer pre-assembled on 8.8 strength hexagon bolts, saving you time and ensuring you never forget to set washers.

Even if you use one smaller size, the tensile strength increases, allowing you to reduce the number of bolts and overall weight of your products.

This product is versatile and can be used wherever hexagon nuts are used, but it is especially suitable for assembling products that require strength, such as construction equipment and transport wagons.

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If you have any questions about the products, please contact us through the enquiry form at <https://www.jisscrew.com/>.

Article by Nono Kobayashi



Airing every 1st and 3rd Thursday night  
from 10:58 to 11:06 on TV Osaka!

Comedy duo " Nakagawa-ke " perform a skit playing the factory manager and an employee in a screw factory. Appearing as well is the president of Sunco Industries, Yoshihide Okuyama, as "the man who loved and was loved by screws" who also shares interesting facts about screws.



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the 100th anniversary /

Nissen Fastening  
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Nissen Fastening is a manufacturer of blind rivets. Their rivets are made in Japan using domestic materials. They offer a wide range of products for various applications, including parts for fire engines, mufflers for motorbikes and fixing road signs, all installed using riveting tools.



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Safety Lock Bolt

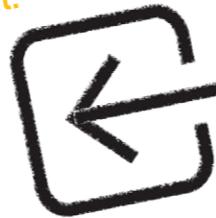
Screw Technology Makes Its /  
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QP Fastening Works manufactures construction fasteners, with a special focus on their drill screws brand, 'PIAS VIS'. One of their innovative products is the 'Safety Lock Bolt' designed to prevent theft of car registration numbers. This bolt features a head that snaps off when fastened, ensuring security.



# Hello Socket Boys and Girls Around the World!

There are still many fastener  
companies around the world  
that we don't know about.  
Let's say hello...



## Accu Limited

### Making Precision Simple

Nestled in the heart of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, Accu Limited is redefining how engineers source precision components. Founded in 2012, Accu emerged from a simple yet powerful idea: to make high-quality engineering parts accessible, fast and easy to order online. What began as a response to outdated and inconsistent sourcing methods has grown into a global platform trusted by innovators across industries.

Today, Accu supplies over 500,000 precision components—from screws and bolts to gears, bearings, and custom-made parts—to engineers, manufacturers, and makers worldwide. With a team of 125 professionals, the company blends deep technical expertise with cutting-edge digital tools, offering instant CAD models, technical drawings, and same-day dispatch on many items.

Accu's rise was accelerated during the 2020–2023 period, when demand for reliable components surged. Strategic investments in a bespoke digital platform and global logistics helped the company scale up rapidly, earning the trust of industry leaders like NASA, Dyson, and Rolls-Royce.

Accu's key differentiator is its engineer-first approach. The platform is designed to mirror how engineers think and work—offering smart filters, detailed specs, and seamless configuration. Whether it's a robotic arm, a surgical device, or a prototype for the next big tech breakthrough, Accu's components are there, ensuring precision and performance.

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## Torque Magazine

### Fastening the Industry Together

Torque Magazine has become a cornerstone of the global fastener and tool industry, offering a unique blend of insight, accessibility and international reach. Founded in 2015 by industry veteran Jerry Ramsdale—who previously launched the Fastener Fair exhibition—Torque was born from decades of experience and a passion for connecting the fastener world.

Torque's mission is clear: to be a thought leader in the fastener sector. The magazine is published 10 times a year, with six print issues distributed across Europe and four digital issues that can be accessed by readers worldwide. Torque also publishes a weekly newsletter to keep readers informed between editions.

The editorial team curates content that is timely, relevant, and insightful, ranging from industry news and trend analysis to exclusive interviews and trade show coverage. A standout feature, "Women in Fasteners," highlights the voices and experiences of women across the sector, reflecting Torque's commitment to inclusivity and fresh storytelling.



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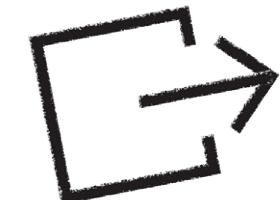


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**In April 2025, Sunco launched a YouTube channel, “SUNCO Quality Quest”.**

SUNCO Quality Quest takes you behind-the-scenes of how everyday products are made. It invites viewers into the fascinating world of craftsmanship – where passion, precision and dedication come together to create the items we often take for granted.

In the first video, the spotlight is on the renowned British shoemaker, Tricker's. Founded in 1829 and holding a Royal Warrant, Tricker's is a symbol of tradition and excellence. From a single piece of leather to a finished shoe, each step in process reflects the skill and devotion of master artisans.

This channel will continue to deliver rare and captivating videos that are usually hard to come by. If you are curious about the stories and skills behind the products you use every day, this is the place to be. Don't forget to subscribe and give us a like!

**Must-See Highlights:**



**Seamless Stitching by Skilled Hands (4:50 & 15:00)**

Watch in awe as artisans sew freehand with astonishing accuracy, allowing no room for even a 1mm error.



**Cork Filling the Sole (12:30)**

Experience the oddly satisfying process of filling the shoe with cork, as soothing as spreading jam on warm bread.

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Article by Ikumi Shinomiya

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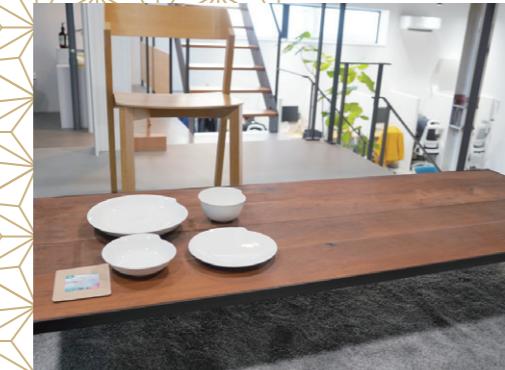
## DG TAKANO co., Ltd

### Tackling the World's Water Problems with Innovative Water-Saving Technology

DG TAKANO, based in Higashiosaka City, is dedicated to tackling the world's water shortage problem. Since its establishment in 2008, DG TAKANO has been developing innovative water-saving technologies, particularly their water-saving nozzle, Bubble90, which can save up to 95% of water. This product has been widely adopted by major restaurant chains and supermarkets, significantly reducing water bills. Initially, DG TAKANO faced a business crisis due to sluggish sales. However, when one restaurant introduced the product and cut its water bill by a third, the company decided to roll out

the product across all its chain restaurants. This led to a substantial increase in market share, especially in the food and beverage industry. DG TAKANO also invented a new water-saving dish called 'meliordesign', utilizing nanotechnology. This dishware was highly valued in the areas affected by the Noto Peninsula earthquake, where water supply was disrupted. The reason for this is a revolutionary system that removes oil stains simply by exposing them to water, without using detergents or sponges.

The secret lies in the nano-level processing applied to the surface of the dishware. This process allows water to penetrate between the stain and the dishware, lifting the stain and allowing it to be easily removed. DG TAKANO aims to continue providing innovative products that reduce environmental impact by further improving water-saving technology and developing sinks that consider water reuse. The company's efforts represent a significant step towards solving the global water shortage problem.



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## Sightseeing

## Ishikiri Sando Shopping Street

Hidden Spot for Fortune-Telling and Tradition



Located in Higashiosaka City, the Ishikiri Sando shopping street is a pathway that can be followed to the Ishikiri Tsurugiya Shrine. The 1km stretch from the Ishikiri Station on the Kintetsu Nara Line to the shrine, is lined with about 200 shops and is hugely popular with visitors. This street retains a strong sense of the old Japan, with its cobbled streets and traditional architectural shopfronts. Known as the 'Fortune Telling Centre', the street features numerous fortune-telling shops and Chinese herbal medicine stores. Visitors can enjoy various types of fortune-telling such as palmistry, tarot and name reading. The street also boasts a rich culinary scene, with restaurants using local ingredients, shops



selling traditional Japanese sweets and modern cafes. A favorite among visitors is the specialty of this shopping street called 'Ishikiri Yakimochi', a type of rice cake made with glutinous rice. Ishikiri Tsurugiya Shrine is renowned for healing illnesses and helping businesses succeed, attracting worshippers throughout the year. On the days of Tsukinami-sai festivals, held on the 1st and 15th of every month, numerous stalls line the street, creating a vibrant atmosphere.



In recent years, Ishikiri Sando shopping street has become popular among international tourists. The area has been made more welcoming for foreign visitors with information displays in Korean and English and the distribution of multilingual pamphlets. As a spot with a unique, traditional atmosphere, visitors will be able to enjoy Japanese culture, history and interaction with local people.



## Coming-of-Age Celebration at the Iconic Rugby Stadium

In Japan, young people turning 20 celebrate their transition to adulthood and their commitment to fulfilling their responsibilities as members of society with a coming-of-age ceremony. These ceremonies are usually held across the country on the second Monday in January.

The tradition of celebrating coming-of-age in Japan has a long history, with rituals such as 'Genpuku' in the Heian period (794-1185 AD) and 'Mogi' in the Edo period (1603-1868). The modern coming-of-age ceremony was established in 1948 to encourage young people in Japan after the World War II. These modern ceremonies are organised by local and prefectural councils and feature congratulatory speeches by mayors and governors, as well as speeches by representatives of the new adults.

Although amendments to the 2022 Civil Code lowered the age of majority to 18, most local governments continue to hold ceremonies for those turning 20, as before.

Participants enjoy reuniting with old friends from their childhood and taking pictures together. The ceremony is well-known for the participants' attire: women typically wear *furisode*, the most formal style of kimono for young unmarried women along with colourful bands and hair accessories, while men usually wear suits, though recently more are opting for *haori-hakama*, a traditional menswear.

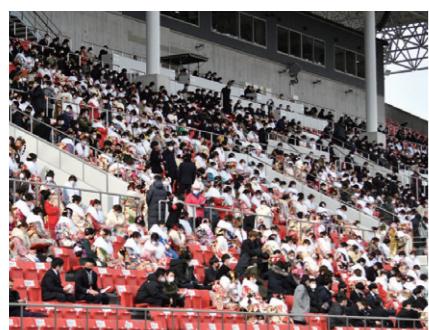
The ceremony has diversified recently, with some being held online or at famous venues.

In Higashiosaka City, the coming-of-age ceremonies have been held at the renowned Higashiosaka Hanazono Rugby Stadium since 2021. The change to hold the ceremony outdoors was made to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Despite the cold, having the ceremony at this iconic location creates memorable moments for many new adults.

Coming-of-age ceremonies, evolving from the traditional to modern, are important milestones for young people turning 20, as they take their first steps as adult.

Left: New adults in colourful costumes seated in the stands at Higashiosaka City Hanazono Rugby Stadium.

Right: New adults giving speeches on the rugby ground.



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