



Developer of More Than 100 Types Creative Fasteners

IIFAS Co., Ltd. / Sigtec Fasteners Inc. from Japan



Established in 1966, IIFAS is entering its 50th anniversary. Its main business includes industrial fastener production/project planning/proposal, fastening research, and the acquirement and application of industrial property rights. Surprisingly, it holds over 100 industrial property rights, including unpublished ones. Now its original products (OEM included) represent 80% of revenues! Sigtec Fasteners Inc., a subsidiary of IIFAS, focuses on manufacturing and exporting products. Now you must be curious about the strength of IIFAS. President Tom Ito says, "Our strength lies in our specialized R&D staff and trial manufacture staff. We gather unique creativity and pursue differentiation, developing excellent products at low costs. Moreover, we are a family-owned business which is different from large corporations, so we can utilize our strength and operate more efficiently." IIFAS mainly supplies to the assembly industry, temporary scaffold industry, assorted product makers, construction machine makers, construction industry, and traders of fastener, hardware, tube and electric materials.

Featured Brands: SIGTEC® & SIGLOCK® Series

SIGTEC is a series of the company's original screw and anchor, including blind fastener for single-sided fastening, fastener for insulating work, anti-vibration fastener, other assorted fasteners, and anti-vibration/insulating hardware for light equipment and roof support. SIGLOCK series is well-acclaimed since the sales launch

in 2002 and includes nut (anti-theft, insertion type, anti-loosening type, torque control type), anti-theft bolt, and torque control type washer. Among the series is Magic Nut with an openable jaw to clinch a threaded rod, which won the second place in "New Product Showcase Contest" in Cologne Practical World Show in 2004. I wonder what the abundantly innovative president's next step will be. Tom explains, "Our next focus of R&D is anti-loosening nut and blind anchor. The development of excellent anti-loosening nut is our common task, and the market needs this nuts. We are planning to roll out the definitive version of the currently available anti-loosening nut, and we are developing a blind anchor that enables single-sided fastening."

License Plate Anti-theft Bolt

In Japan, creative inventions could happen anywhere in daily life and almost nothing is impossible. IIFAS even created anti-theft bolts for license plates. Why did the company invent anti-theft bolts for license plates? Tom explains, "Around the time of Beijing Olympics in 2008, the metal price hiked and there were multiple domestic thefts of stainless steel playground slides and ditch covers. In fact, over 4 years ago we already released the well-acclaimed anti-theft (shear) bolts and nuts. After that we started to think whether our shear fasteners can apply to license plates. (There are 30,000 plate thefts every year!) That is when the anti-theft bolt was born. Users only have to replace the existing screws on the plates and they will witness the

anti-theft result immediately. Now, the most requested solution is the anti-theft function for solar panels."

Into Online Purchasing Business

Many companies in Japan, Taiwan and China are SMEs and therefore only a few of these companies with enough capitals can develop online shops. IIFAS is one of the few fastener companies in Japan with online purchasing platforms. Tom said, "Our official website was built in 2000 to promote our products. We started operating our online shop in 2007 for sales to users and small-lot sales. Although currently the shop is only available to domestic users, we are planning to roll out an overseas payment system to start in early 2017. Even small lots generate enough profits for us. Now we mainly deliver to Europe and Australia. As for our targets of overseas purchasing, we are mainly looking for sources of supply in Taiwan and Japan, and also looking for global sources." (Contact: sales@iifas.jp) In fact, Tom visits Taiwan 3 to 4 times a year.

What's the Next Surprise?

Compared with other fastener companies, IIFAS has acquired an amazing number of patents, among which the most welcomed invention is the anchor bolt for temporary scaffold. With full confidence, Tom said, "Our goal is to offer original fasteners with high performance and quality, becoming a contributing company to the industry." What is the next invention from Tom? We will find out and let us look forward to it!

50th Anniversary



SIGTEC® Quick Nut



The Nut can be Placed Anywhere on the Threaded Rod in A Second

Available Size:

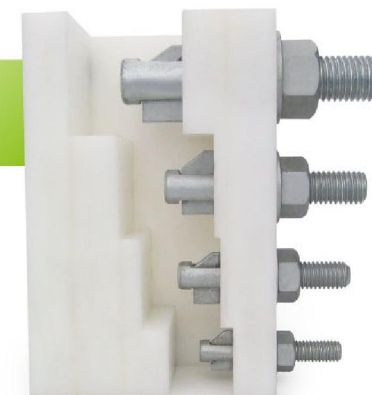
M6, M8, M10, M16 and

W1/4, W5/16, W3/8, W1/2, W5/8

Flip Bolt (The toggle flips automatically)

Heavy-duty Blind Anchor for Hollow Wall and Steel Structures

Available Size: M6, M8, M10, M16, M20, M24



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