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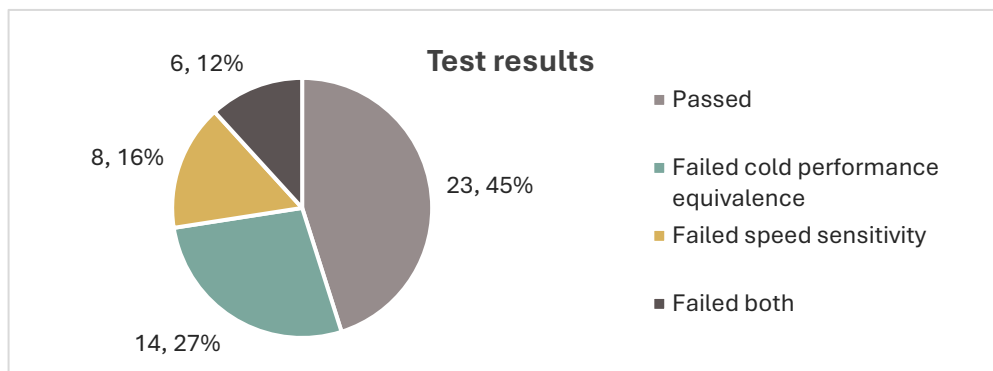
Aftermarket Non-Original Brake Pads

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Final Press Release

Results of the EU co-funded Joint Action

The first ever joint action on aftermarket replacement brake pads has revealed significant levels of non-compliance. In total, 51 brake pad sets for category M1 vehicles (<3.5 tonnes) were sampled across the four participating market surveillance authorities from four EU Member States. Testing performed by a technical service based in the EU resulted in 28 of the 51 sets (55%) failing the test programme.



Several administrative nonconformities have also been identified where brake pad sets and their packaging were not marked with the make and model/type, the manufacturer's name, or the date of manufacture or batch number for traceability purposes. Details also do not match those in the approval certificate.

Enforcement measures are ongoing including several sales bans. There was an extensive exchange of knowledge and experience throughout the project, laying a foundation for future coordinated or national market surveillance campaigns in this sector.

Caution!

The above findings are based on products that were sampled from the markets in the participating countries by experienced market surveillance inspectors that were looking for non-compliant products. As in any routine market surveillance activity, the results represent the targeted efforts that authorities undertake to identify non-compliant products. They do not give a statistically valid picture of the market situation.

Final Conference

The final conference of the action was held online on 19 July 2024. All participating authorities attended along with the Contracting Authority EISMEA.

All product testing results were discussed at length along with the impact, opportunities and lessons learned. Taking into account the complexity of the product and the associated challenges, the overall situation in the market is quite concerning.

There are now opportunities to further develop best practice market surveillance techniques in this sector. The project group drafted recommendations for improving the regulatory regime.

LEGISLATION IN SCOPE

Directive 71/320/EEC
UNECE regulation no 90

KEY OUTCOMES

Dangerous products removed from the EU market, level playing field for all market actors.
Better, more harmonised product market surveillance, next to new skills and new knowledge for the EU MSAs.

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