Frequently asked questions

Answers to the key questions – short and clear. On products, materials, standards, custom solutions, processing and ordering.



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Products & selection

Which fastener for which purpose?

1 Which snap fastener suits my application?

It depends mainly on the fabric. The **prong-ring Elegant snap fastener** grips through the fabric without punching it – ideal for jersey, knitwear, shirts and babywear. The **S-spring Star snap fastener** is robust for denim, workwear, canvas, leather and tarpaulins. The **ring-spring Super snap fastener** suits medium to heavy fabrics, jackets, bags and leather.

2 What is special about the S-spring Star snap fastener?

The S-spring socket ensures a secure, clearly perceptible closure. It is made for heavy use: denim, workwear, canvas, leather and tarpaulins. Available from 7,5 to 26 mm, with two caps to choose from as upper part (Star M 4/2 or 4/3).

3 Which sizes are available?

Eyelets: 3 to 66 mm inner diameter · **S-spring Star snap fastener:** 7,5–26 mm · **Ring-spring Super snap fastener:** 8,8–17 mm · **Prong-ring Elegant snap fastener:** 7–17 mm · **Jeans buttons:** 14–17 mm · **Rivets:** 4,5–13 mm.

4 Which products does BRERO offer?

Snap fasteners, jeans buttons, eyelets and washers, rivets, scissors, complete sets, plus tools and machines for processing.

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Material & finish

What our products are made of

5 Which materials are the snap fasteners available in?

Standard is **rustproof brass** – for snap fasteners CuZn37 to UNI 4892 (Copper cap ZAP). All items are also available in other materials: steel, stainless steel, aluminium, aluminised, copper, zamak for die-casting, plus nylon, acetal and ABS. Rivets are iron as standard, brass or stainless steel on request.

6 Are the snap fasteners resistant to washing and chemicals?

Depending on the product, our items are washable at **40 to 90 °C** – please ask for each product. **Iron rivets should not be washed.** The products are temperature-resistant down to **−10 °C**. Dry cleaning is possible (P), bleaching is not. Depending on the product, standards such as OEKO-TEX® Standard 100, REACH, RoHS 3 and the PFOS Directive are met – overview on page 4, details per product on request.

7 Which colours are possible?

Electroplated according to our colour chart: nickel-plated silver, black burnished, brass yellow, antique brass, copper, antique copper and stainless steel. The items can also be lacquered – in **all RAL colours from 1'000 pieces**.

8 Do iron rivets rust?

Iron is strong and inexpensive but needs protection from moisture. Iron rivets should therefore not be washed. For outdoor use, wet conditions and washing we recommend brass or stainless steel rivets.

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Which standards do the products meet?

Certificates and care instructions as a guide – details per product on request.

Standard / certificate	Snap fasteners Star · Elegant · Super	Eyelets
OEKO-TEX® Standard 100, Class I Baby articles – strictest test class for pollutants	✓	✓
OEKO-TEX® Standard 100, Class II Articles with skin contact	✓	
EN 1811 · EN 12472 Nickel release, also after simulated abrasion	✓	✓
EC Directive 94/27 Nickel Directive	✓	
EN 71-1, -2, -3 · ASTM F 963 Toy safety: mechanics, flammability, heavy metal migration	✓	✓
BWB TL 8315-0049 (VG 7419) Technical delivery terms for snap fasteners	✓	
EN 20811 Water resistance		✓
EC 1907/2006 (REACH) EU chemicals regulation	✓*	✓*
EU 2017/821 · Dodd-Frank Act §1502 Conflict minerals	✓*	✓*
2006/122/EC (PFOS) Perfluorooctane sulfonates	✓*	✓*
2011/65/EU · 2015/863/EU (RoHS 3) Restriction of hazardous substances	✓*	✓*

* According to the declaration of conformity when used properly. No liability for this information – not every product meets every standard.

IMPORTANT NOTE

This overview is for guidance only. Not all products meet all standards. For exact details, please ask us for each product.

TEMPERATURE RESISTANCE

down to −10 °C

Guide value – depending on product

CARE



Washing 40–90 °C depending on product	Tumble dry gently	Iron at low temp.	Dry cleaning possible (P)	Do not bleach

Iron rivets should not be washed.

Custom solutions

Your made-to-measure product

9 Which snap fasteners can be customised?

Snap fasteners can be coloured, printed or embossed – our snap fasteners with the BRERO embossing are well known, for example. We check together with you which systems and caps are suitable. In principle we can develop **any fastening technology**.

10 How is a logo printed or embossed?

We have a modern print shop and a computer-controlled paint spraying system. We need your logo as an **EPS file**. From it we create a logo tool: for **pad printing** if the logo is printed, or a **metal stamping tool** if it is embossed. We also have a modern print shop and a computer-controlled paint spraying system.

11 Are there minimum quantities?

It depends on the item. **Standard items from stock:** from 50 to 100 pieces. **Custom productions** such as RAL colours, printing or embossing: from 1'000 pieces, for some items from 5'000 pieces. We will be happy to advise you.

12 Can completely new products be developed?

Yes. In four steps: idea and enquiry, advice and selection, samples, production. Enquire via «Request development».

13 How long does implementation take?

Samples and series production usually take **approx. 4 to 8 weeks** from approval or order – depending on effort and quantity.

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Processing

Secure attachment

14 Which tools do I need for processing?

For small quantities the **eyelet hand setting tool** (eyelets only, one tool per size). Most commonly used is the **screw press**: for snap fasteners, jeans buttons, rivets and eyelets up to max. 15 mm inner diameter. The **toggle press** processes eyelets 3,5–40 mm and, with a tool set, also snap fasteners, rivets and trouser hooks. For series the **pneumatic eyelet machine** (eyelets 8–40 mm) and the **fully automatic machine** for industry, textile production and tarpaulin manufacturing. There is a matching die set for every product.

15 My snap fastener is hard to close or won't hold – why?

If it is hard to close, the pressure was usually too high and the socket is deformed. If it won't hold, the pressure was too low or the part doesn't match the fabric thickness. Always test new combinations on a sample piece first.

16 How do I fit the ring of an eyelet correctly?

The ring is placed on the upper punch. Check which side faces the fabric – otherwise the eyelet will not be cleanly flanged.

17 Are there instructions?

Yes – for the ring-spring Super, S-spring Star and prong-ring Elegant snap fasteners and for eyelets. All are compiled in our «Processing» brochure.

Ordering & service

It's that simple

18 Can I order samples?

Yes, we will send you samples on request – free of charge depending on quantity and project. Use «Order samples» on the website or contact us.

19 How can I order or enquire?

You can order directly or request a quote – via the «Enquiry / Order» button on every page, by phone +41 41 375 03 03 or by e-mail to info@brero.ch. We prepare quotes on request and are happy to advise you by phone. Prices are not shown online.

20 Do you also deliver abroad?

Yes. We deliver quickly and internationally from our own warehouse with over 15 million individual parts. **Delivery time for stock items:** Switzerland 1–2 days, Europe approx. 3–6 days, outside Europe 6–10 days. **Shipping costs:** Switzerland CHF 16.–, Europe and worldwide according to the delivery terms in the quote or order confirmation.

21 Do you offer service for machines?

Yes. Contact us by phone or e-mail – we check whether the spare part is in stock. We deliver **spare parts from stock** within 1–2 days, **parts to be procured** in approx. 1–2 weeks. Depending on the repair we come on site, or you repair it yourself with our instructions.