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To All STAKO Users

This is with regard to press release of The Millennium-Series Ltd. and the ban of STAKO products from Millennium events

STAKO is shocked and concerned about the situation at Millennium of last weekend. The situation is most likely for the filling procedure and the physical phenomenon that is normal during filing of full composite tank.

The design of our super light tanks is different from the ones made with aluminium liners. Our thermoplastic liners are much lighter, but they are not as stiff as aluminium. Consequently during filling they work just like a tyre tube. The internal plastic liner and the carbon fibre wrapping adhere to each other, but when the bottle is empty and there is no pressure inside the tiny gap between the liner and the wrapping is formed. When such bottle is filled up, this gap needs to close as the plastic liner starts to adhere to carbon wrapping again. The small portion of air from this gap needs to evacuate through the wrapping. Afterwards, when the tank is filled again, no leakage or pressure drop can be observed.

All tanks questioned are under detailed investigation. We are checking if any cracks from dropping or mis-use of the tanks could have occurred in any of those cases. We will be looking in to claims made by H-pac and will take legal action if necessary for false claims and improper representation of STAKO Cylinder.

Kind regards,

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