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Best safety, precise feedback and steering behaviour at series level:

OE quality in the aftermarket with steering technology from GKN Automotive

When it comes to vehicle brakes and steering, anyone who compromises on maintenance and repair is putting the safety of their customers at risk. The selection of high-quality replacement parts is only half the battle; the installation of the systems must also be carried out with particular care in order to exclude possible consequential damage. With the precisely manufactured steering system components from GKN Automotive, workshops receive solutions in original equipment quality that are specially matched to the vehicle type and guarantee consistent steering behaviour. With more than 1,700 hydraulic and manual steering racks and power steering pumps, GKN Automotive has one of the most comprehensive ranges on the market and is the sole competitor offering an "all-round package". This includes appropriate Tech Tips to make installation of steering components that require special attention easier. In this way, the mechanic receives extensive support for the repair, so that a perfect function of the steering system can be achieved.

The advantages of steering system components from GKN Automotive at a glance:

- Optimum steering performance due to high-precision manufacturing according to OE specifications
- Specially configured for the respective vehicle type
- Offers customers the familiar steering behaviour at series level
- Only from GKN Automotive: helpful Tech Tips for installation in the packaging
- Over 80 percent market coverage of all relevant vehicle segments up to 3.5 tonnes and vehicle stocks in Germany

A reliable steering system is the basic prerequisite for best safety and a good driving experience on the road. GKN Automotive offers a wide range of hydraulic, electric and manual steering racks for the replacement of system components. What they all have in common is that, thanks to high-precision manufacturing, all components have the OE quality that GKN Automotive is accustomed to at series standard and therefore offer workshop customers the familiar steering behaviour of their vehicle even after replacement.

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Top service for workshops: Tech Tips from GKN Automotive

At GKN Automotive, not only the customer benefits, but also the workshop: The steering system components come as an "all-round package" with useful Tech Tips. These are developed in regular exchange with qualified workshop professionals and go far beyond mere installation instructions. Instead, they contain valuable hints and tips for installation. For example, the steering system must be flushed with the necessary amount of hydraulic oil before replacing the power steering pump and steering rack, because this is the only way to avoid possible consequential damage caused by dirt remaining in the system.

Broad portfolio with over 80 percent market coverage

Its high reliability and proven, integrated design make the hydraulic rack-and-pinion steering system the most widely used steering system today. This is also reflected in the current product range, where this technology accounts for the largest share of the more than 1,700 hydraulic and manual steering racks and power steering pumps currently available. However, even in this portfolio - one of the most comprehensive offerings on the world market - modern electric components are becoming increasingly relevant. The current hybrid solutions, which use electric motors to drive the hydraulic pumps, take the strain off the combustion engine: this leads to measurable fuel and CO_2 savings and increases durability. Especially important for the future of mobility: they are a basic requirement for autonomous driving!

The GKN Automotive product range is constantly being expanded with new additions. It can be ordered from all major wholesalers and is listed on TecDoc.

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FIG 1 Steering rack, electric

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FIG 2 Steering rack, hydraulic

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About GKN Automotive Aftermarket Business

As the world's leading OE partner in the field of drive technology, GKN Automotive also offers a broad portfolio in the aftermarket business that lets customers “experience better”. Customers benefit from forward-looking technologies, high added value, and rapid availability thanks to state-of-the-art logistics. In addition to sideshafts, joint kits, boot kits and propshafts, the range also includes suspension springs and steering components.

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