

# BLAIN VALVES FOR HYDRAULIC ELEVATORS



*Excellence in Simplicity and Performance*

INFORMATION NOTE: Unauthorized identical copies of Blain products

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Dear Blain Customer,

I wish to inform our customers that there have been attempts to sell copied Blain products, which look identical and/or use Blain brand unauthorizedly. Blain Hydraulics is a registered trademark and such attempts are clearly an infringement of the intellectual property rights of Blain Hydraulics.

I also want to clarify that Blain Hydraulics designs and manufactures all its products only in Germany. No sub-contractors or producers have been authorized by Blain to manufacture its products elsewhere.

Blain Hydraulics has received evidences that the copied products, which are produced in China, have been touted as original Blain products. It should be known that using an identical or similar registered trademark for identical or similar products or manufacturing identical copies of a registered brand, which is likely to confuse the public about the source of the products, clearly fall into trademark and design right infringements. Accordingly, with the received evidences, Blain Hydraulics will take the appropriate steps to protect its business interests through legal action, which will include injunction against further infringement, destruction of infringing copies and compensation claims.

Blain Hydraulics intellectual property is extremely important and is a valuable asset of our business. The copied Blain products, which look identical but in fact unsafe and low quality, damage the reputation of Blain Hydraulics, confuse and cheat Blain customers. Therefore, Blain Hydraulics is determined to stop trading with any Blain product reseller, who also sells or imports infringing copies of Blain products. In coming exhibitions and events, our attorneys will be on duty to identify the unlawful cases.

Blain Hydraulics is providing its customers a possibility to register Blain products online. Registrations can be done at [www.register.blain.de](http://www.register.blain.de) . This will not only validate the originality of a product but also provide a guaranty extension. Another information letter will also be publicised in January 2020 to help identifying infringing copies and their unacceptable low safety and performance features.

Blain Hydraulics will, as always, continue its mutual business relationship with our customers, who give value to safety, high quality and good performance, trusting and motivating us for half a century to design and manufacture the finest elevator control valves.

Best regards,

**Anja Blain**  
Managing Director/CEO