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MARKET WATCH & TARIFFS

Volume, Value, and Average Price of China's Fastener Exports in Q1 2026

中国紧固件 2026 年第一季度出口数量、金额及均价

In the first quarter of 2026, China's overall fastener exports showed a trend of "slight volume growth and steady value increase." During this period, the total export volume reached 1,437,785 tons, a slight increase of 6,698 tons compared to the same period last year, representing a year-on-year growth of 0.5%; the export value stood at US\$2.8164 billion, an increase of US\$77.684 million year-on-year, representing a growth rate of 2.9%. The overall average export unit price was approximately US\$2,000 per ton, remaining unchanged from the same period last year.

Looking at monthly performance, in March 2026, China's fastener exports totaled 341,552 tons, with an export value of US\$0.712 bn; the average export price also remained at the US\$2,000 per ton level. However, compared to the same period last year, March exports saw a significant decline, with the export volume down 31.5% year-on-year and the export value down 28.5% year-on-year. This indicates a weakening of short-term external demand momentum, though overall price levels remain stable.



South Africa Launches Anti-Dumping Investigation into Hexagonal Screws and Bolts from China and Malaysia

南非启动中国和马来西亚六角螺钉螺栓反倾销调查

On April 21, the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) of South Africa issued a notice initiating an anti-dumping investigation into hexagonal screws and bolts originating in or imported from China and Malaysia (product codes 7318.15.39 and 7318.15.43). The dumping investigation period is from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, and the injury investigation period is from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025.

According to Chinese customs statistics, South Africa's total imports of the subject product from China in 2025 amounted to approximately US\$7.283 million (accounting for 33.2% of the total), a year-on-year decrease of 39.0%. China is South Africa's largest source of imports for this product, with Italy and Japan ranking second and third, respectively (with the import values of US\$3.045 million and US\$2.058 million, accounting for 13.9% and 9.4% of the total, respectively).

South Africa Initiates a Second Sunset Review Investigation into Safeguard Measures on Imported Steel Threaded Fasteners

南非对进口钢铁螺纹紧固件发起第二次保障措施日落复审调查

On March 6, 2026, the WTO Committee on Safeguards published a safeguard notification submitted to it by the South African delegation. On February 27, 2026, the South African International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC) issued a notice announcing the initiation of a second sunset review investigation into imports of threaded fasteners of iron or steel, in response to a petition filed by the South African Fasteners Manufacturers Association (SAFMA). The products subject to the investigation include bolts, studs, threaded rods, and other hex nuts (excluding those made of stainless steel and those identifiable as being for aircraft use), falling under South African tariff codes 7318.15.41, 7318.15.42, and 7318.16.30. The investigation period for this case is from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025, with the estimated review period set from May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026.

On March 1, 2019, South Africa initiated a safeguard investigation into imports of steel threaded fasteners. On February 10, 2020, South Africa issued its final safeguard ruling on imports of steel threaded fasteners, recommending the imposition of a three-year safeguard measure in the form of an ad valorem duty on the products in question. On March 24, 2023, the South African International Trade Management Commission initiated the first sunset review investigation into safeguard measures on imported steel threaded fasteners. On June 20, 2023, the WTO Committee on Safeguards published a notification submitted by the South African delegation, deciding to extend the safeguard measures on imported steel threaded fasteners for a period of three years.



ASSOCIATIONS

Yue Qing Fasteners Association Organizes a Meeting of the Standards Working Group

乐清市紧固件行业协会组织召开标准工作组会议



On May 15, Yue Qing Fasteners Association convened a working group meeting on the industry standard, **Technical Requirements for Threaded Crimped Collars**, to review content including terminology definitions, technical requirements, test methods, and inspection rules.

Association President Jinpu Wen stated that as Yue Qing is a major fastener industry cluster, establishing unified standards will help standardize production and enhance product competitiveness. The association will also encourage enterprises to benchmark against these standards to upgrade their operations and deepen cooperation.

That same afternoon, working group meetings for two national standards—"Spiral Elastic Retaining Rings for Shafts" and "Spiral Elastic Retaining Rings for Holes"—were held concurrently. Once these standards are published, they will further refine the national standards system and support the development of the high-end equipment manufacturing industry.

Dongguan Fastener Industry Association Holds the 7th Meeting of the Second Council

东莞市紧固件行业协会召开第二届七次理事会



On April 18, 2026, Dongguan Fastener Industry Association convened the seventh meeting of its second council. During the meeting, President Yuanping Liu reviewed the key initiatives the association had promoted over the past six months under the guiding principles of "serving enterprises, regulating the industry, and developing the sector," and analyzed the current challenges and opportunities facing the industry. He proposed that in the future, **the association would continue to advance efforts in areas such as staying true to its founding mission, industry collaboration, innovation-driven development, and regulatory self-discipline to build industry consensus and promote high-quality industrial development.**

The meeting also reviewed the plan for an expanded board election, which aims to add 6 to 8 new directors, with a focus on recruiting representatives from enterprises in the fields of smart manufacturing and green manufacturing. A three-dimensional joint review mechanism will be implemented to ensure the election process is compliant and transparent. This meeting also laid the foundation for the association's upcoming leadership transition and institutional development.



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JiangSu Fasteners Industry Association Holds an Expanded Meeting of Permanent Directors in Zhejiang

江苏省紧固件行业协会在浙举办常务理事扩大会议

On May 13-14, 2026, JiangSu Fasteners Industry Association held an expanded meeting of permanent directors in Qiandao Lake. The meeting focused on topics such as the 2026 work plan, organizational restructuring, and professional training.

During the meeting, President Yongfeng Jiang outlined the association's key priorities for the year, covering technological innovation, market expansion, and standardization efforts. He engaged in in-depth discussions with attending representatives regarding these plans and received numerous constructive suggestions. Subsequently, the meeting reviewed and approved the promotion of Permanent Vice Presidents and Vice President units, followed by a plaque presentation ceremony. Representatives from the newly promoted units expressed their commitment to actively fulfilling their duties and jointly promoting high-quality development within the industry.

A professional course titled "Screw Academy" was also held during the event, featuring experts who shared practical insights on performance management and corporate growth. Topics covered included goal setting, process control, and incentive mechanisms, sparking lively on-site interaction. The event concluded successfully through active exchange and learning, further strengthening the Association's cohesion and the foundation for industry collaboration.

Hangzhou Fastener Industry Chamber of Commerce Holds Its First General Meeting of the Fourth Term

杭州市紧固件行业商会举行第四届一次会员大会



The First General Meeting of the Fourth Term of Hangzhou Fastener Industry Chamber of Commerce was held on April 9, 2026 at the Hangzhou Grand Convention and Exhibition Center .

President Cheng'an Huang took the stage to deliver an opening address and present a report on the chamber's operations, while also reviewing the chamber's development since 2013. The assembly also elected the 4th Board of Directors and Board of Supervisors through a secret ballot. **Guanxiang Zhao was elected President, and Webiao Chen was elected Secretary-General.** Zhao stated that the new Board of Directors will focus on technological innovation, digital transformation, and international market expansion to serve member enterprises and promote the upgrading of the industrial chain.



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Xinghua Dainan Fastener Industry Association Holds Its Fourth General Membership Meeting of the 2nd Term

兴化市戴南紧固件行业协会举办第二届第四次会员大会



On April 11, Xinghua Dainan Fastener Industry Association convened its Fourth General Meeting of the 2nd Term. Representatives from the fastener industry, member companies, and relevant guests gathered to review the achievements of the past year and plan for future development. During the meeting, President Yongshou Qiu summarized the association's accomplishments in industry exchange, technological innovation, and market expansion, noting that the association has consistently prioritized serving its members and promoting industrial development as its core objectives. He also stated that in the future, **the association will guide enterprises toward a development path characterized by specialization, refinement, and high-end products, accelerate the transition to smart and digital transformation**, and enhance the industry's overall competitiveness. The assembly also recognized individuals and organizations that had demonstrated outstanding performance in technological innovation, market expansion, and association work, acknowledging their contributions to the industry's development. This meeting further consolidated industry consensus, showcased the association's cohesion, and laid the foundation for high-quality development in the future.

Shenzhen Fastener Industry Association's 2026 Spring Tea Gathering Concluded Successfully

深圳市紧固件行业协会 2026 春茗会圆满落幕



On March 30, 2026, Shenzhen Fastener Industry Association hosted a Spring Tea Gathering in Shenzhen, bringing together industry guests and representatives from sister associations to exchange ideas and discuss the industry's development and future direction. During the event, President Zhensheng Wang first extended a warm welcome to the attendees and expressed gratitude for the long-standing support the association has received from all sectors. Subsequently, several industry representatives, including Chengju Wang, Chairman of China General Machinery Components Industry Association; Jiao Junhua, Secretary-General of the Fastener Subdivision of CMCA; as well as Kejian Wen, Secretary of the Association, and Yongshun Huang, Chairman of the Association, delivered speeches in succession. They shared insights and engaged in discussions from various perspectives, including association operations, the current state of the industry, and market trends. **Attendees generally agreed that the fastener industry is currently at a critical juncture of transformation, requiring enhanced collaboration and innovative development.** This Spring Tea Gathering not only deepened industry exchanges but also further consolidated consensus, laying a solid foundation for the future development of Shenzhen's fastener industry and the association's growth.

Hong Kong Screw & Fastener Council's 23rd Anniversary and Inauguration of New Board Members

香港螺丝业协会 23 周年暨新理事就职



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Fastener Council

On May 15, 2026, Hong Kong Screw & Fastener Council held a grand celebration marking its 23rd anniversary and the inauguration dinner for its 12th Board of Directors in Hong Kong. Former Permanent Honourable Chairmen, Honourable Chairmen, Honourable Advisors, as well as Executive Vice Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Council Members, Executive Committee Members, and member representatives gathered together to witness the official inauguration of the new Board of Directors. During the event, Mr. Ng Hung Kiu, Chairman of the 12th Board of Directors, led the Executive Vice Chairman and all Board members in taking the stage alongside Dr. Bernard Chan Pak-Li (Undersecretary for Commerce and Economic Development Bureau of the Hong Kong SAR), Mr. Liu Bin (Director of Commercial Office of the Economic Affairs Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HK SAR), and Mr. Luo Zhengbo (Director of the Investment Division).

During the opening remarks, Mr. Ng Hung-Kiu, Chairman of the Association, delivered a welcome address. He summarized the Association's achievements over the past year in industry promotion, exchange, and development, and outlined his expectations for the future direction of the new Board of Directors. Subsequently, in his address, guest of honor Dr. Bernard Chan Pak-Li highly commended the critical role of Hong Kong's fastener industry within the global supply chain and encouraged the industry to seize the new opportunities presented by innovative technologies and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Mr. Tsui Ping Fai, Permanent Honourable Chairman, also shared his thoughts, expressing his hope that the Association would continue to carry forward its legacy and achieve further success.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of letters of appointment to the 12th Board of Directors, symbolizing the new board's formal assumption of responsibility for advancing the industry's development. Since its establishment, HKSFC has consistently worked to promote technical exchange, market expansion, and talent development. The successful conclusion of this anniversary celebration and inauguration ceremony not only demonstrated the Association's unity and cohesion, but also injected new momentum into the future development of Hong Kong's screw industry.



Yongnian District Market Supervision and Administration Bureau Enhances Its Capabilities in Fastener Inspection and Testing

永年区市场监管局提升紧固件检验检测监管能力

In order to further improve the quality supervision of fasteners and enhance the professional skills of enforcement officers, the Yongnian District Market Supervision and Administration Bureau organized a specialized training session on fastener inspection and testing skills for its enforcement officers, inviting fastener experts to conduct on-site instruction. During the training, experts provided a systematic explanation of relevant national standard requirements for key fasteners, such as bolts, nuts, and steel structure connection sets. They also detailed key testing procedures, including sampling and specimen preparation norms, product dimensional inspection, thread tolerance verification, and mechanical property testing. By engaging in in-depth discussions with experts regarding practical issues encountered in daily regulatory work and observing testing procedures

firsthand, the officers gained a deeper understanding of critical inspection processes. This enables them to strictly control the quality of fasteners, continuously improve the precision of regulatory oversight, and provide a solid foundation for the quality upgrade and high-quality development of Yongnian District's fastener industry.



Foshan Market Supervision and Administration Bureau Issues a Recall Notice for Vehicles of Multiple Brands

佛山市场监管总局发布多品牌车辆召回通告

According to Foshan Market Supervision Authority, the State Administration for Market Regulation recently issued a new vehicle recall notice. Certain models from brands such as FAW-Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz, Honda Motorcycle (HMC), and CNHTC Jining Commercial Vehicle Co., Ltd will be recalled due to safety hazards.

Effective May 18, 2026, FAW-Volkswagen Automotive Co., Ltd. will recall certain imported and domestically produced Audi E-Tron (TRON) vehicles, totaling 2,769 units. The recall is due to the possibility that the threaded connection between the brake pedal and the brake booster in some vehicles may loosen and, in extreme cases, detach, thereby affecting braking performance; Effective May 6, 2026, MERCEDES-BENZ (CHINA) Ltd. will recall certain imported G 580 all-electric vehicles, totaling 217 units. The recall is due to the possibility that wheel bolts may loosen when wheels are disassembled in reverse and the vehicle is driven under extreme conditions, affecting driving stability; Effective May 25, 2026, Honda Motorcycle will recall a total of 37 imported 2025 model year CB1000R motorcycles. The recall is due to the possibility that the tilt sensor connector on some vehicles may be improperly installed, causing the fuel line connector to become pinched and loose, which in extreme cases could lead to a fuel leak; CNHTC Jining Commercial Vehicle Co., Ltd will recall a total of 25 panel vans. The recall is due to the possibility that the wiring harness for the side marker lights on the cargo box of some vehicles may be improperly connected, causing the side marker lights to fail to illuminate and preventing the vehicle's outline from being visible at night or in poor lighting conditions.

Ford Recalls Nearly 180,000 Vehicles Due to Risk of Loose Bolts

福特汽车螺栓松脱风险 召回近 18 万辆

On May 6, Ford Motor Company announced a recall in the U.S. of certain 2024–2026 Ford Ranger and Ford Bronco

models, totaling 179,698 vehicles. The primary cause is that during torque checks on the bolts in the front seat structures of some vehicles, the curing of the thread-locking adhesive may have been compromised. This could cause the bolts to gradually loosen or even fall out over time, posing a safety hazard and potentially increasing the risk of injury to occupants in the event of a collision. Ford stated that dealers will inspect affected vehicles free of charge and replace the relevant pivot links and bolts if necessary.



Tesla Recalls Some U.S. Cybertrucks Due to Risk of Wheel Bolt Detachment

轮毂螺栓存脱落隐忧，特斯拉召回部分美国 Cyber truck

On April 28, the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced that Tesla will recall 173 units of the 2024–2026 Tesla Cybertruck equipped with 18-inch steel wheels.

The recall is due to potential cracks in the brake rotor bolt holes, which pose a safety risk of the bolts separating from the wheels.

This issue has once again drawn market attention to the quality of the Cybertruck. Previous data show that in 2025, the model was subject to cumulative recalls of over 115,000 vehicles due to multiple hardware and software issues, marking the largest annual recall since its launch. Additionally, U.S. regulators launched an expanded investigation into Tesla's Full Self-Driving (FSD) system that same year, covering approximately 3.2 million vehicles, with a focus on its detection and warning capabilities in low-visibility conditions.



Chongqing University Applies for a Patent on a Bolt Deformation Measurement Device

重庆大学申请螺栓变形测量装置专利



According to the information released by China's National Intellectual Property Administration, Chongqing University, in collaboration with two other companies has jointly filed a patent application titled "Bolt Deformation Measurement Device," with publication number CN122041702A and an application date of January 2026.

According to the patent description, the device can be used to accurately measure the deformation of bolts under load. Through a coordinated design of multiple sets of guide rails and supports, it not only enhances measurement stability but also improves testing accuracy and operational convenience. The R&D team notes that this measuring device features a simple operating principle, user-friendly operation, and excellent measurement results. It also offers advantages such as a streamlined structure, low cost, and resource efficiency. In the future, it is expected to be applied in fields such as engineering construction and quality inspection, thereby improving bolt inspection efficiency and quality management standards.

COMPANIES DEVELOPMENT

Jingdong Industrials Partners with Tianbao Industrial to Advance the Digital and Intelligent Transformation of the Fastener Supply Chain

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Jingdong Industrials and Lengshuijiang Tianbao Industrial Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Tianbao Industrial") formally signed a strategic cooperation agreement on March 20. Tianbao Industrial has become the designated manufacturer for Jingdong Industrials' private label brands. Through collaboration at the source, the partnership ensures a high-quality and stable supply of fasteners. The two parties will also jointly promote the digital and intelligent transformation of the supply chain in areas such as procurement, fulfillment, technology, and services, leveraging Jingdong's super supply chain to continuously optimize costs, efficiency, and customer experience across the entire fastener industry value chain.

Tianbao Industrial has an annual production capacity exceeding 300,000 metric tons, with products ranging from high-strength bolts, screws, and special-shaped fasteners (Grade 12.9 and below). Its products are widely used in six core sectors: engineering machinery, rail transit, energy & power, aerospace, automotive manufacturing, and bridge steel structures. Jingdong Industrial's private brand is dedicated to helping large and medium-sized enterprises address pain points in industrial procurement—such as product category complexity, inconsistent quality, and inflated pricing—through solutions that standardize products, consolidate quality, and ensure full control over the supply chain.

Under the agreement, Jingdong Industrial and Tianbao Industrial will jointly advance in-depth cooperation, including: 1) transforming traditional industries through digital and intelligent technologies, integrating Tianbao ERP with the Jingdong Industrial platform to enable production based on sales demand and flexible manufacturing; 2) empowering industrial applications with artificial intelligence, particularly in robotics, where both parties will jointly explore future smart assembly scenarios; and 3) enhancing collaboration at the source and upgrading the supply chain through digital and intelligent technologies.



Shandong Tengda Fasten Tech. Co., Ltd. Plans to Invest RMB 167 Million in Building a Factory in Vietnam

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Shandong Tengda Fasten Tech. Co., Ltd. announced its decision to reallocate approximately RMB 166.9 million from its original fundraising project to construct a production base with an annual capacity of 18,000 tons of stainless steel fasteners at its wholly-owned subsidiary in Vietnam (Công Ty TNHH Vật Liệu Mới Yepp Việt Nam). The project is expected to take two years to complete. The company stated that the originally planned domestic expansion projects for drill-point screws and flat washers have been adjusted due to weak global market demand. This shift of investment to Vietnam aims to improve capital utilization efficiency and accelerate the company's global expansion. ■

