**Reinforced MEYLE-HD control arms for Fiat models**

**Larger ball pin of the ball joint delivers longer service life**

**Hamburg, 25 October 2016. MEYLE is expanding its range of MEYLE-HD control arms – available now: a new reinforced MEYLE-HD control arm to fit the Fiat 500 and Fiat 500C as well as the Ford Ka II. Owing to the ball joint's increased ball pin diameter, independent workshops now have an efficient solution on hand to remedy a typical cause of damage for Fiat 500 models.**

Defective control arms are a frequent source of trouble for repair professionals, often causing the vehicle to fail periodic technical inspection. The weakest part of the control arm is the ball joint, with the ball pin being the main culprit. The consequences of ball joint damage range from increased tyre wear to indirect steering and poor road holding and may even entail sudden steering system failure, if the ball pin comes loose from the socket.

This is why the MEYLE engineers have developed a reinforced MEYLE-HD version of the control arm featuring a ball joint with an extremely durable ball pin. By enlarging the ball diameter, the ball pin's load-carrying capacity has been considerably improved. Owing to the technical refinements over the OE design, the control arm comes with an extended four-year guarantee, as do all items of the MEYLE-HD range.

The new MEYLE-HD control arm to fit the Fiat 500 and Fiat 500C as well as Ford Ka II models can be ordered under the MEYLE part numbers 216 050 0044/HD (LH) and 216 050 0045/HD (RH). To ensure swift repairs, the control arm comes with all the mounting parts required for replacement.

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**About the company**

Under its MEYLE brand, Wulf Gaertner Autoparts AG manufactures and markets a wide range of premium-grade passenger car, van and commercial vehicle spare parts for the independent aftermarket. The MEYLE brand's product lines are **MEYLE-ORIGINAL, MEYLE-HD and MEYLE-PD.**

**Catering for virtually every popular vehicle application the wide range of product supplied by Hamburg-based manufacturer MEYLE features the following products:**

* **MEYLE-ORIGINAL – true to size as the original: This product line includes more than 21,000 top-class parts.**
* **MEYLE PD – taking us to the next level:** This product line features around 1,800 technically refined brake discs and pads distinguished by their enhanced braking performance and cutting-edge coating technology.
* **MEYLE-HD – better than the original: Devised by the company's in-house engineers, the MEYLE-HD line features more than 750 products to cater for thousands of different vehicle models.** Designed to provide **exceptional strength and long service life** MEYLE-HD parts offer **enhanced performance over original-equipment designs.** Unrivalled in quality and durability technically-refined MEYLE-HD parts come with a four-year warranty.

Wulf Gaertner Autoparts AG was founded in 1958 and is headquartered in Hamburg, Germany. The company operates in 120 countries supported by its state-of-the-art logistics centre in Hamburg, Germany, and a worldwide network of local offices and production sites.