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OE quality automotive steering boot kits from SKF

Global bearing and engineering solutions specialist, SKF, is a leading Original Equipment (OE) quality supplier of a comprehensive range of steering components which includes steering column and electric power assist (EPS) bearings, steer-by-wire and steering boot kits.

SKF's OE quality steering boot range comprises more than 200 kits and covers a wide vehicle parc that includes both European and Asian car models. The range is further complemented by two universal steering boot kits which cover most passenger cars and light commercial vehicles.

In line with OE content, SKF steering boots are manufactured from rubber or thermoplastic depending on OE specifications. "We only supply specific metal clamps for thermoplastic boots as these are much more durable compared to plastic clamps supplied by some manufacturers," explains Gary Czapski who heads up SKF South Africa's Automotive Division (VSM).

Czapski points out that SKF boot kits make steering boot replacement quicker and easier "since there is no need to dismantle the tie rod end as you simply stretch it over the tie rod end."

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SKF VSM (Vehicle Service Market) supplies the global passenger and commercial vehicle aftermarket with an all-inclusive premium product and service solution that covers bearings, seals, lubrication and many other critical components for a wide range of applications in engines, electronics, driveline and wheel-end systems.

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SKF is a leading global supplier of bearings, seals, mechatronics, lubrication systems, and services which include technical support, maintenance and reliability services, engineering consulting and training. SKF is represented in more than 130 countries and has around 15,000 distributor locations worldwide. Annual sales in 2014 were SEK 70,975 million and the number of employees was 48,593.

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