

RIFAST® S-ENM

FOR COMPONENTS WITH  
WALL THICKNESSES  
BETWEEN 1.2 AND 2.4 MM



HIGH STRENGTH PLATFORM – Technical Product Data Sheet

## RIFAST® S-ENM SPECIAL CLINCHING NUT

The innovative series of clinching nuts for over-elastic screw connections for fully automated, mechanical joining in high-strength and ultra-high-strength steel components

### › THE RIFAST® SYSTEM ADVANTAGES

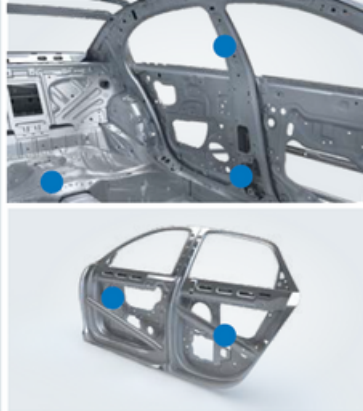
**Systems expertise from designing, manufacturing clinch fasteners (studs, nuts), and automation equipment to consultation and realization in serial production**

With over 25 years of expertise as a full system provider, RIFAST® is the partner for developing economical solutions for reliable integration of mechanically joined clinch fasteners. The systems approach of clinching fasteners through automation equipment for in-die and off-line operations guarantees the optimal joint connection. Mechanical joining with the RIFAST® staking die designed to the customer component ensures consistent performance values in addition to eliminating thermal influences and distortions observed during welding.

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**Highest torque-out moments for over-elastic screw connections and watertight joints without complex hole preparation for high-strength and ultra-high-strength steel components**

The RIFAST® special clinching nut is the perfect solution for high-strength and ultra-high-strength steels in car body construction. It is pressed into a round pilot hole without any further sheet metal preparation and ensures a flat screw-on surface for attachments (without protrusion on the underside of the component). Depending on the component material and wall thickness, a watertight connection is possible – without cracks in the functional element. The RIFAST® S-ENM is the solution for component wall thicknesses between 1.2 and 2.4 mm, meeting the very high requirements of electromobility in terms of surface pressure, connection strength, and water tightness.



◀ Application examples  
RIFAST® S-ENM  
e.g., body structures,  
chassis components,  
and crash-relevant areas

## ▶ TECHNICAL DATA

Thread Size	M8, M10
Strength Grade	10 (DIN EN ISO 898-2)
Surface Coating	OEM-approved coatings
Tensile Strength	1000 - 2000 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Component materials	High-strength and ultra-high-strength steels, press-hardened steel
Automation Equipment	Press, C-frame (automatic or manual)

Thread Size	M8		M10
Application Thickness (mm)	1.2	1.4	1.6
Push-out (kN) <sup>1</sup>	2.0	2.0	2.0
Torque-out (Nm) <sup>1</sup>	62	62	125
Water Tightness	IPX7	IPX7	IPX7

<sup>1</sup>Performance values for reference, based on metal sheets made out of steel HCT980XD at the RIFAST® application lab

Performance values for push-out and torque-out are dependent on the component material, the application thickness and in combination with RIFAST® staking die. Performance values for other component materials and application thickness can be validated through RIFAST® Application Engineering.

## ▶ MECHANICAL JOINING PROCESS AND CROSS-SECTION

**POSITIONING**

The component is positioned at the insertion position above the staking die. Component has no contact with staking die.

**CLAMPING**

The tool is closed.  
The RIFAST® S-ENM rests on the component above the die. The pressure pad of the punching head presses down on the component.

**PRESSING**

The plunger then presses the RIFAST® S-ENM into the component. During the insertion operation, it must be ensured that the RIFAST® ENM first lies on the component surface, and is subsequently pressed in.

**FINAL STEP**

In order to remove the component after the tool has opened again, the component must be raised at least by the height of the die shaping ring.

Cross-section RIFAST® S-ENM M10 clinched in sheet steel HCT980XD with wall thickness 1.6 mm.