



# **SAPIM** Profile

**Founded in 1918,** SAPIM has been producing spokes and nipples of the highest quality for over 90 years. From the beginning, maintaining a close relationship with customers has always been of the greatest importance. By listening to the needs and wishes of our customers, whether professional or amateur, our products are tailored to meet their requirements.

**Flexibility in the production process** means new innovations are quickly brought into the program. At SAPIM, your safety is our main concern. Only materials of the highest possible standard are used.

**Thanks to our ISO 9001** certification standard and to our STTS (SAPIM Total Traceability System), SAPIM is able to guarantee that every spoke and nipple is meticulously monitored and checked throughout the entire production process, bringing only the best to our customers.

As a long established company, built on solid foundations, **SAPIM** is **dynamic and innovative and reliable.** We actively support professional and amateur bicycle racing in its many forms and are constantly evaluating how our products perform under the most extreme pressures.

SAPIM has been among the leaders in spoke and nipple production and our continued success is due to rigorous levels of quality control, innovative products, and solid pricing structure.

**Never play with safety!** The Sapim manufacture is based on the SCFT-system (Sapim advanced Cold Forging Technology). Our "Sapim Knowledge Base Lab for Research and Development" was set up in 1981 for Sapim products to undergo very severe material fatigue tests. (See the test results on page 4.)

**SAPIM offers race service** to their customers at a lot of international events. Our target is to help the consumers, team riders and team mechanics with our knowledge of wheel building. Bringing together good wheel building with our superior spokes offers the customer best possible wheels.

Annually many Protour teams and many World cup Mountain biker decide to ride with our spokes.

**Also wheel building courses** are held by SAPIM. Only good wheel building shows all positive aspects of our spokes and nipples in a wheel. A checklist is offered as well.

#### **About us**



Axel Moorkens; CEO Sapim



**Testing** 



**Race Service** 



**Technical support** 



# **AERO** Spokes

# **Aero Spokes**

SAPIM aero spokes not only give an aerodynamic edge, they also make wheels lighter and stronger. As light as titanium spokes, CX-Ray still receive one of the best results in fatigue testing. No doubt why CX-Ray are used by top bike racers and triathletes around the world. Even downhillers use them, recognising their strength and flexibility. Special alloy treatment and sophisticated production make all this possible. Aero spokes are produced from the best suited stainless steel for spokes: high-tensile, fatigue-resistant 18/8 stainless steel conforming to SAPIM quality standard specifications. The CX-Ray fits easily into all standard hubs.

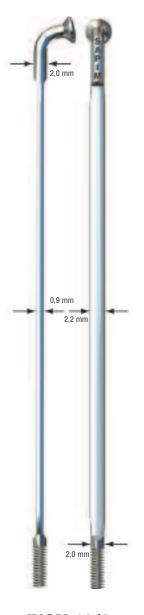
#### Weight (64 pcs x 260 mm lg)

| CX-Ray    | 278 g |  |
|-----------|-------|--|
| Laser     | 279 g |  |
| Race      | 360 g |  |
| Force     | 368 g |  |
| Zinc      | 424 g |  |
| Leader 14 | 424 g |  |
| Strong    | 430 g |  |

#### **Fatigue Test**

|           | 500.000        | 1.000.000       | 1.500.000      | 2.000.000         |             |
|-----------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| CX-Ray    | CX-Ray is used | by most profess | ional MTB/Road | d ans Racingteams | + 3.500.000 |
| Force     |                |                 |                |                   |             |
| Strong    |                |                 |                |                   |             |
| Laser     |                |                 |                |                   |             |
| Race      |                |                 |                |                   |             |
| Leader 14 |                |                 |                |                   |             |
| Zinc      |                |                 |                |                   |             |

# **CX-Ray**



#### **INOX 18/8**



Vlad SABĂU trusts in Sapim spokes.



# **BUTTED** Spokes

## **Butted Spokes** Force Race Strong Laser SAPIM butted spokes have two major benefits: less weight and more strength! 2,3 mm 2,2 mm 2,0 mm 2,0 mm Technological advances using cold forging (SAPIM Forging Technology) 'stretch' the spoke, retaining the linear molecular structure of the material, thereby increasing the spoke strength at the middle by at least 48%. As an added bonus, the thin middle section of the light Laser and Race spokes also provides better shock absorption. The Strong, with its extra 1,8 mm 1,8 mm 1,5 mm 2,0 mm material in the bend, fits more tightly into the hub hole making it ideally suited for tandems and other heavy duty applications. Due to its high elasticity we do not advice to use Laser on disc-brake wheels. 2.0 mm 2 0 mm 2.0 mm 2.0 mm

| Diameter                   | 2,2 - 1,8 - 2,0 mm                              | 2,0 - 1,5 - 2,0 mm  | 2,0 - 1,8 - 2,0 mm                | 2,3 - 2,0 mm            |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Length                     | 252 - 268 mm                                    | 145 - 309 mm        | 146 - 310 mm                      | 180 - 310 mm            |
| Usage                      | Disc-Brake, Heavy Duty,<br>Long distance travel | Race, Triathlon, XC | Race, Triathlon, MTB,<br>Trekking | DH, Trekking, City, MTB |
| Weight                     | 368 g (64 x 260mm)                              | 279 g (64 x 260mm)  | 360 g (64 x 260mm)                | 430 g (64 x 260mm)      |
| Fatigue Test               | 2.000.000                                       | 1.250.000           | 980.000                           | 1.600.000               |
| Strength on middle section | 1350 N/mm²                                      | 1500 N/mm²          | 1350 N/mm²                        | 1400 N/mm²              |
| Packaging Quantities       | 100, 500  | 50, 500             | 100, 500                          | 100, 500                |
| Nipples                    | 12 mm brass Poyax                               | 12 mm brass Poyax   | 12 mm brass Poyax                 | 12 mm brass Poyax       |



# **BASIC** Spokes

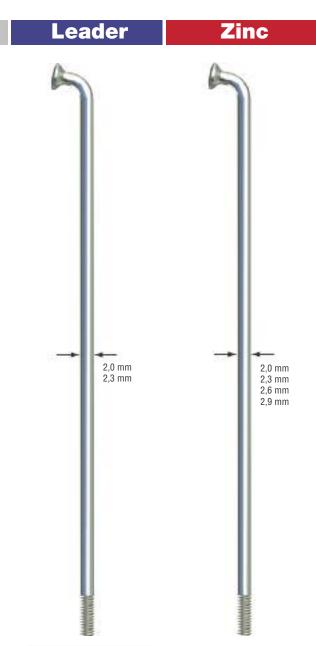
# **Basic Spokes**

Intended for everyday use, these spokes are produced using top quality materials. Made from high-tensile, fatigue-resistant stainless steel conforming to SAPIM quality standard specifications, the Leader forms the basis for all other spokes.

It is also available in black without losing any of the properties found in non-coloured versions.



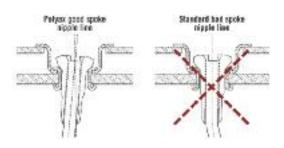
For higher loads and bigger hub holes bigger diameters are available.



| Standard Diameter Other Diameters | 2,0 / 2,3 mm<br>2,60 / 2,9 mm | 2,0 mm<br>2,3 / 2,6 / 2,9 mm |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Length                            | 130 - 310 mm                  | 130 - 310 mm                 |
| Usage                             | City, Trekking, MTB, Tandem   | City, Trekking               |
| Weight                            | 421 g (64 x 260mm)            | 424 g (64 x 260mm)           |
| Fatigue Test                      | 870.000                       | 700.000                      |
| Strength on middle section        | 1080 - 1180 N/mm²             | 950 - 1050 N/mm²             |
| Packaging Quantities              | 100, 500                      | 144, 500                     |
| Nipples                           | 12 mm Povax brass             | 12 mm Standard brass         |

# NIPPLES

#### **Original Sapim Polyax Nipple**



Silver colour nickel-plated brass: 12, 14, 16 mm

Option: black

Packaging quantities: 100, 144, 500

#### S.I.L.S. Polyax

#### **Sapim Integrated Locking System**



Sapim's revolutionary nipple

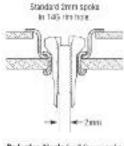
#### **The Self-Securing Nipple**

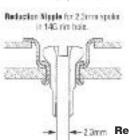
- · no more early loosening
- · no time wasted gluing screw threads
- · environmentally friendly
- sticking qualities not affected by re-centring wheel
- increases spoke life and overall wheel safety
- also suitable for machine wheelbuilding

#### **Reduction Nipple**

## **Hexagonal Head Nipple**

#### **Inverted Nipple**







**Brass: 12, 14, 16 mm**Hexagonal head nipples for "V" section rims and special rim profiles.



- Available in brass 8,5, 10 and 12 mm for 14G and 12mm for 13G thread.
- Available in aluminium 10 mm length for 14G thread.

Reduction nipple for 2,3 mm 13G spoke and 14G 4,5 mm rim hole.

#### **Aluminium Nipple**



**Silver colour alloy:** 12, 14, 16 mm **Option:** black, red, blue, gold, green, purple, orange Aluminium nipples in EN 7075 are as strong as brass nipples.

#### with **COATING**

**Coating** is the new way to reduce friction on alloy nipples. The coating is in the thread and on the nipple. Friction between both spoke and nipple and rim and nipple is significantly reduced. Coating also seals the surface reducing corrosion.

Now standard Sapim production.

- Silent, effective truing with no more squeaks
- · Virtually torsion free spokes
- High tension wheels without problems
- No overtight nipples on spoke threads
- No more oily and dirty wheels
- Just efficient dry working and clean hands
- No unnecessary cleaning
- Wheels that are easier to true

The coating treatment of nipples is not as easy as simple oiling. Different production methods have to be employed.

# **OPTIONS / TOOLS**

#### **Straight Spokes**

### **Black Spokes**

### **Colored Spokes**



**Straight pull spokes** are available for special hubs.



All spokes are available in black except Zinc.



All spokes are available in red or white; minimum amount 1.000 pcs.

### Sapim Race Tools for proper wheel assembly



**Disclaimer:** Sapim products are meant only for use by professional wheel builders. The terms of any contractual agreement and related guarantees are valid only if Sapim spokes and nipples are used together exclusively.

Other wheel components must first be approved by Sapim and assembled according to the latest assembly instructions issued by Sapim. Copies of these instructions are available from Sapim upon request.



8 x World Champion Biketrial and 2 x World Cup Winner Trial trusts in Sapim quality!



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