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› Brazil's Motorcycle Production Could Top 2.1 Million Units in 2026

Record output in 2025 set the stage for another strong year, creating opportunities for fastener suppliers while highlighting the role of imports.

Brazilian motorcycle production could exceed 2.1 million units in 2026, surpassing previous forecasts, according to a recent announcement by the Brazilian Association of Motorcycle and Similar Manufacturers (Abraciclo).

The Association has raised its production forecast for the year following a record-breaking 2025, when Brazil manufactured 1,980,538 motorcycles.

However, strong domestic production does not necessarily mean that all fasteners used on motorcycle assembly lines are locally manufactured. Both direct imports of fasteners and indirect imports through manufacturing arrangements such as the Completely Knocked Down (CKD) system must be taken into account when assessing the market.



Notes:

1. According to the Technology Fastening Center (CTF) laboratory, the estimated fastener weight per motorcycle is approximately 6 kg, particularly for street motorcycles, trail bikes, and scooters.
2. Launched in 2009, the Honda CG 150 Titan was the first motorcycle model in Brazil designed to run on both ethanol and gasoline.

Sources: www.abraciclo.com.br / www.laboratorioctf.com

› Industrial Technicians in Brazil Gain Free Access to ABNT Standards

New agreement provides unlimited standards consultation, along with discounts on purchases and training courses.

During the 7th National Week of Industrial Technicians, held in Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil, from September 23 to 25, 2026, **the System of the Federal and Regional Councils of Industrial Technicians (CFT/CRTs) signed a landmark agreement with the Brazilian Association of Technical Standards (ABNT).**

Under the agreement, registered industrial technicians in good standing with their respective Regional Councils (CRTs) will receive free, unlimited access to technical standards for consultation. They will also be eligible for a 50% discount on standards purchases and a 20% discount on training courses offered by ABNT.



The agreement was signed by Gilberto Takao Sakamoto, president of the CFT, and Mario William Esper, chairman of the ABNT Deliberative Council. It also extends the same access and discount benefits to regional technical standards developed by the Mercosur Association for Standardization (AMN).



Mário W. Esper and Gilberto T. Sakamoto

"We are working alongside the CFT/CRTs System to develop and promote standards for technicians, a professional group that plays a vital role in the country," an ABNT representative said at the event.



› Ebrats 2026: A Premier Event for the Surface Treatment Industry

Brazil's leading surface treatment exhibition brings together specialists and suppliers of coatings, electroplating, machinery, and equipment for industrial finishing applications. Held in São Paulo in September 2026, the 19th edition of Ebrats brought together professionals from across the surface treatment industry for four days of networking and business opportunities.

The event served as a key meeting point for manufacturers and suppliers of materials, machinery, and equipment used in surface treatment processes, including coatings and electroplating for decorative, functional, and anti-corrosion applications.

These technologies play an important role in protecting and enhancing metal products, including fasteners and automotive components. This is particularly relevant in Brazil, one of the world's 10 largest automotive markets, with annual vehicle production approaching 3 million units. ■

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