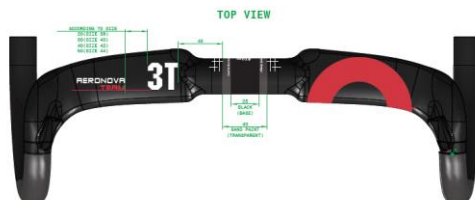




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Dear Customer,

Recently it has been registered an increase in the number of counterfeited 3T Aeronova Team handlebars with the old graphics, of the kind shown in the image underneath.

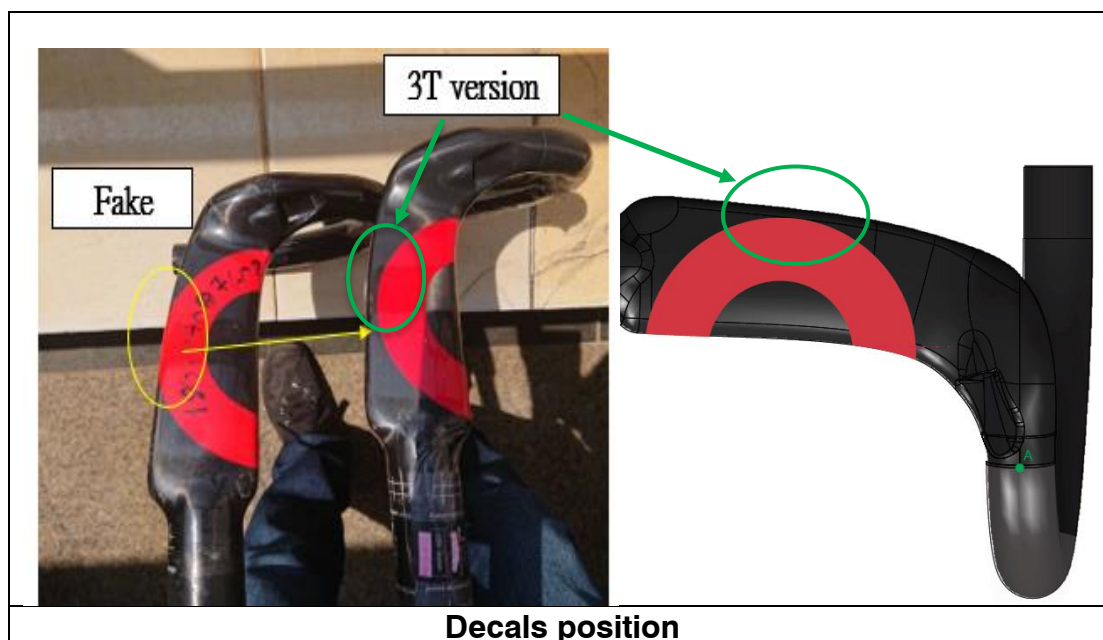


The artworks on these copies are well made and it's not easy to spot them at a first glance. The external shape looks very similar but of course the carbon and resin used are not as good as the originals and the layup quality is lower.

These fake bars are **NOT SAFE TO RIDE**, as they can crack very easily and cause crashes and serious injuries to the rider.

3T in no case will provide a replacement nor issue a credit note for fake bars warrantied by mistake.

Please have a look at the main differences that were found, keeping in mind that these are not the only ones but the most common and that it is impossible to create a complete list.



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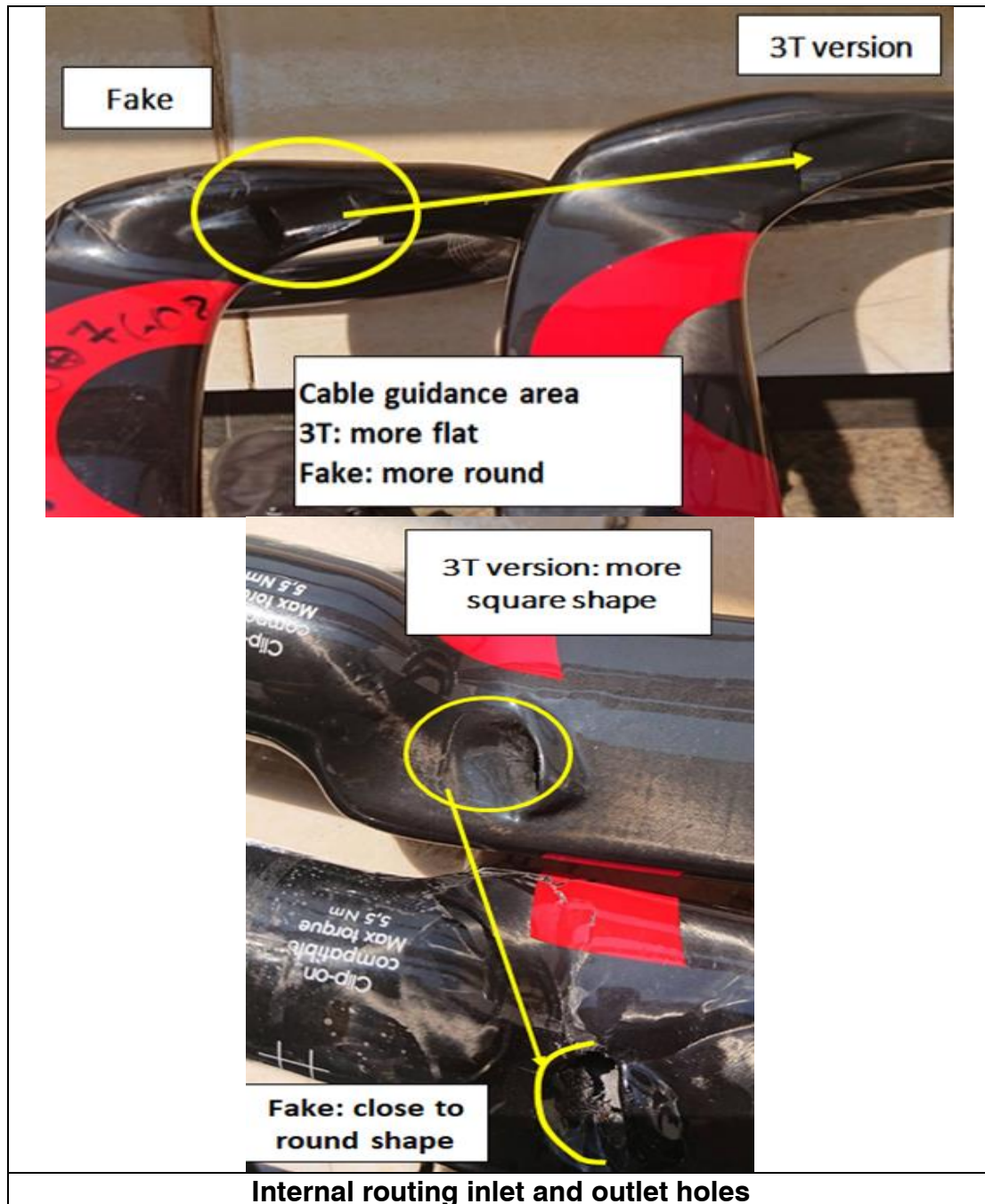
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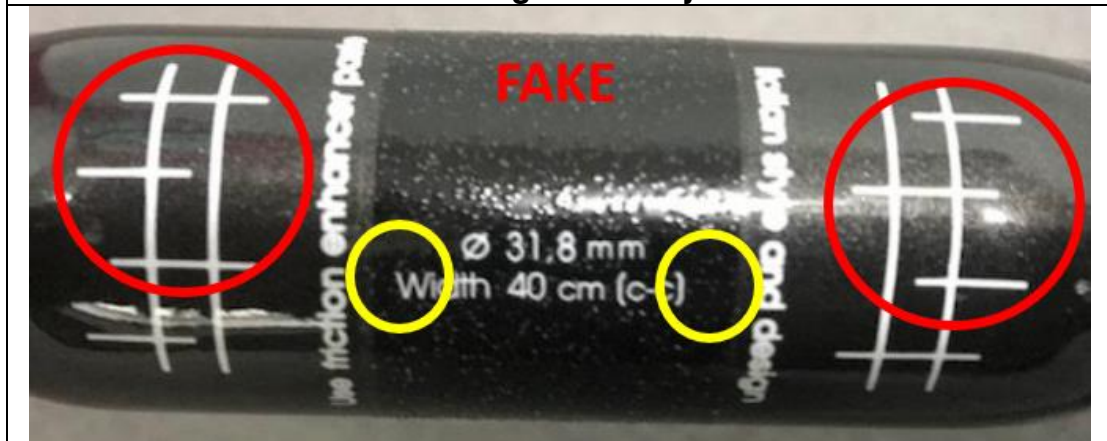
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Finishing carbon layer



Non-symmetrical orientation lines and spacing

In addition, the Serial Number on the fake bars is missing. On the 3T genuine bars manufactured before December 2016, a sticker with the SN is glued inside the drop, like shown in the picture below.



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Starting from December 2016, 3T implemented a serialization system so that every single component now features a unique laser etched SN. The number is not removable and the component, it can be tracked back till the production moment.

On handlebars, included the Aeronova, manufactured from December 2016 onwards you can find the code underneath the drop.



**Laser etched Serial Number location**

Please do not hesitate to contact the 3T customer service may support to understand if you are dealing with a possible fake component.

Thank you very much for your help in fighting counterfeiters,

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