

Penny Wise and Pound Foolish: Imitation Ebands

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I learned this saying from my parents. It has always stuck with me! You see the people in this world who buy imitation ebands are making a penny wise purchase but are being pound foolish and I will tell you why:

1. When you buy and use an imitation eband you have lost all control of the unique electronic number that the TauRIS manufacturer controls. The TauRIS manufacturer only issues one unique electronic number to each eband. If you use imitation ebands you run the chance that birds will be in a race with the same electronic number. This could be a disaster in a club, one loft race, or money race.
2. If a supplier of imitation ebands can make an eband with any electronic number, then what's to prevent another copy of the same electronic number? Now it would be very easy to cheat on a race if a flyer has two ebands with the same electronic number. This is just like having two countermarks with the same ID numbers on the outside and inside of the countermark. This scenario can only happen with imitation ebands.
3. Imitation ebands with a copied TauRIS custom ID number may or may not work reliably on the TauRIS system. It is always best to use the original ebands which belong to the TauRIS system. Only the original TauRIS manufacturer can guarantee that their ebands are calibrated and adjusted in the best way to their clocking system.
4. When you purchase original TauRIS manufactured ebands, you are supporting the manufacturer, who further develops new products, new software, and innovations for **“YOUR TauRIS System”**.
5. When you purchase original TauRIS manufactured ebands, you are supporting your dealer, who provides excellent customer service requests from TauRIS users day in and day out.

No one should rely on cheap imitation ebands!