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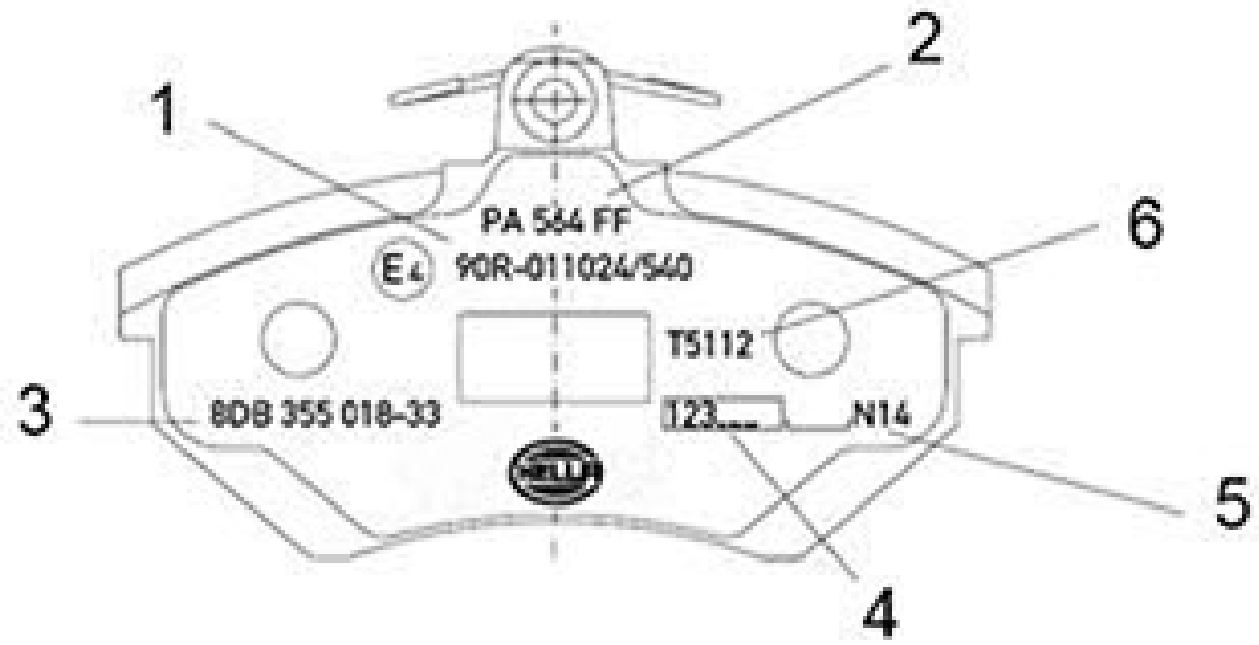
"Better Brakes Rule"

The US states of California and Washington have passed a new law relating to the environmental sustainability of automotive brake linings and brake pads. Under this law, better known as “Better Brakes Rule”, manufacturers of friction materials for brakes are required to register their products. With effect from January 1, 2014, all products manufactured after this date and sold in California require an environmental code on the product.

Brake lining marking



1. ECE number
2. US material code – if available
3. HELLA part number
4. Batch number
5. Environmental code
6. Part number

Packaging marking

The following images are used to indicate the degree of compliance on the packaging (leaf symbol):

TM
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In order to meet the requirements of the “Better Brakes Rule” legislation, HELLA has already certified all products which may possibly be sold in the US and marked them with the corresponding environmental code.