

## **Inventor's comment on this from 2015:**

This article from the trade journal "Konstruktion" 7/8-2002 refers to the old patent DE 4317461 / EP 0599156, which is a predecessor patent of the current patent EP 2594824.

As the article shows, Ketten Wulf considered **itself, according to its own information** an internationally technology-leading company at the time and commented in the article that it was of great interest to it as a manufacturer of chains and chain drives, to reduce wear and noise, **independently of whether** the use of such self-adjusting sprocket would lead to **turnover loss**, since the chains could only be sold at longer intervals.

However, Ketten Wulf completed the examinations one year later, and comparisons between the conventional sprocket and my self-adjusting sprocket were only present **at this time**, which led to a wear reduction exceeding 30 %. These **results** were likely **not known yet at publication of the article**.

After more time had passed and I had asked several times how things would proceed with the sprocket, I was then told orally in July 2004 that further cooperation with me (Kettenwulf was a license holder at the time) was no longer of interest, without stating any reasons at all. According to my subjective opinion, the only reason that I can see is the unexpectedly high wear reduction of 30 %.

As I said, this examination report refers to the old patent, with the **wear reduction** in the now-valid patent **EP 2594824 likely being quite a bit higher**, since this current patent has been developed further and improved by me.