Abstract: The present invention relates to a device for fastening two elements to one another, comprising a rod-like member (1) having opposite ends (2, 3) which are aligned on a common longitudinal axis (X-X) and a threaded portion (4) formed in the region of a first end (2). A characteristic of the rod-like member (1) is that it comprises a tapered portion (5) formed in the external wall of the rod-like member (1), the tapered portion (5) having the vertex of its taper facing towards the threaded portion (4) and a taper angle (α), measured relative to the longitudinal axis (X-X), that is within a range variable between 2° and 6°.
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