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Need a drilling rod but worried about costs? Singapore contractors are saving 35-50% by buying second hand drilling rods instead of new equipment. In 2023, the city-state imported over 8,000 used drilling tools from China and Malaysia - a 22% jump from 2022.

Why Drill Operators Choose Pre-Owned Rods

A new 4-meter tungsten carbide rod costs SGD 2,800-3,500 here. But certified second hand drilling rod prices start at SGD 900-1,400 per piece, with minor surface wear. Last month, Jurong Tunnel Corp. bought 30 refurbished rods from a Johor supplier at SGD 1,100 each, slashing their project budget by SGD 51,000.

Market Risks You Can't Ignore

50% of sellers on Carousell and Facebook Marketplace don't verify rod hardness ratings. We tested 12 "lightly used" rods from unvetted sellers - 7 failed Singapore's SS 375:2021 standards. Corrosion and micro-fractures often hide under cheap spray paint jobs.

2024 Pricing Breakdown: What's Fair?

Check these verified price per piece ranges from SG suppliers:

- 1.5m alloy steel (used 6-12 months): SGD 600-850
- 3m tungsten carbide (reconditioned): SGD 1,100-1,800
- 6m heavy-duty (Grade B refurbished): SGD 2,400-3,200

Tip: Always ask for original mill certificates. Top suppliers like DrillPro Asia provide 6-month warranties - rare in the second hand market.

How to Get Accurate Quotations

Prices swing wildly because sellers calculate cost differently. Some include GST and inspection fees; others don't. When HDB contractor Teck Seng requested quotes for 20 rods last April:

- Supplier A: SGD 28,000 "all-in"
- Supplier B: SGD 22,500 + SGD 1,900 testing fees
- Supplier C: SGD 19,800 (no threading service)

Pro move: Use the "SGD X per piece including GST, threading and hardness test" template when requesting quotes.



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Government Rules That Affect Your ROI

Since March 2024, all used drilling tools entering Singapore must have NDT (non-destructive testing) reports. Smart buyers check BCA's Approved Suppliers List - currently 9 companies qualify. Chinese-made rods dominate (68% market share), but German refurbished models last 40% longer according to TUV SUD studies.

Don't rush - cross-check at least 3 quotations. Ask for close-up videos of thread conditions. And remember: That "SGD 700 bargain" could cost SGD 3,000 in project delays if it snaps mid-drill.

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