

S.K. Wellman Company
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Wellman Division of American Brake & Shoe Company

After reading all the information we received, it could very well be that Abex (or predecessors) never manufactured any Velvetouch product that contained asbestos. It may be that the Velvetouch product they used was sold thru the Wellman Division of Abex. "velvetouch" may have been a trademark of Wellman and it could only be marketed thru something called the "Wellman Division". All the while, S.K. Wellman Company could have been operating on its own manufacturing and selling these other asbestos-containing products. I am trying to find out if, in fact, there was an S.K. Wellman Company operating on its own. I do know (from interrogatories) that in 1971 the S.K. Wellman Corporation was formed to buy the assets of the Wellman Division of Abex. It could be that the S.K. Wellman Company in 1971 purchased the Wellman Division and then changed its name from "Company" to "Corporation".

Steve Cvitkovich worked as a salesman for the Wellman Division of Abex selling Velvetouch Metalik (non-asbestos) brake linings.

What makes me believe there was an S.K. Wellman Co., too, is that I have a copy of an invoice (attached to Horn interrogatories) with their name and that they are manufacturers of VELVETOUCH all-metal friction products. This is dated 12/2/64.

From the looks of all of the attachments to the Horn discovery, you should be able to find all of this out from Cvitkovich. It could be that because of state laws, S.K. Wellman might have been incorporated in some states as an independent entity and in Ohio as a "division" of Abex.

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