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VICTOR TO ELIMINATE ASBESTOS FROM ITS LINE

Dana Corporation's Victor Products Division, a major world-wide manufacturer of sealing materials for the vehicular, industrial and service markets, announced today its commitment to be manufacturing asbestos free gasketing materials for its entire line of products by the mid-1980s. Victor is the first gasket manufacturer to make such a pledge.

Parker B. Field, III, division vice president and general manager, said that division laboratory testing for the asbestos free sealing material developed by Victor has been successfully completed, and that a line of gaskets containing the new material has been submitted to several original equipment vehicle producers for further testing and specification approval.

Field noted that the decision to eliminate asbestos for Victor's product line is based on the potential health hazards associated with the material, and the likelihood that additional government regulations further reducing permissible levels of asbestos fibre exposure in the manufacturing process will render its use virtually impossible. "We have worked two years to develop this asbestos free material and we have an obligation, as an

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industry leader, to move completely away from asbestos as soon as we can. We think our product development demonstrates that manufacturers can solve potential health and safety problems by themselves, without costly regulatory intervention," Field commented.

Victor's complete line of asbestos free gasket materials are formulated to meet the demands of today's application requirements and in many cases, even exceed the advantageous properties of asbestos in the area of torque retention, release properties, and heat resistance. The new gaskets are completely interchangeable with Victor asbestos gaskets, and have no current OSHA restrictions.

Field added that Victor has informed its customers and suppliers of its decision to discontinue using asbestos.

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