



March 15, 1978

Mr. W. E. Mims
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Dear Mr. Mims:

This letter and the attachments are in response to your request for information regarding lead and asbestos in our ANCHOR Composition Brake Shoes. The contents of the attachments are as follows:

1. A report entitled "ANCHOR Brake Shoes, Asbestos Emissions". This report dated August 8, 1977, by our Mr. R. D. Fleck, Director of Research and Development, contains numerous conclusions from studies by industrial concerns and governmental agencies regarding the use of asbestos in brake linings.
2. A letter dated January 30, 1978 from Mr. Fleck outlining the findings of Ryckman, Edgerley, Tomlinson and Associates, regarding lead and asbestos emissions on the dynamometer when testing ANCHOR Brake Shoes.
3. Another letter dated February 9, 1978 from Mr. Fleck covering the volume content of asbestos and lead in ANCHOR Brake Shoes, the make-up of the bond and the recommended handling of our brake shoes.

Please review the enclosed and let me know if additional information is required.

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cc: F. P. Kostka
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As we discussed by telephone, I would appreciate a copy of the letter from Mr. G. W. Gerhart of the Safety Steering Committee of the AAR.

We thank you for your cooperation and again, if you have any additional questions or comments on the enclosed, feel free to call on us.

Very truly yours,



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