Q And why is that?

A Because, as I say, the heating process when you apply the brakes does break down the components in the brake lining, including the asbestos, and the exact amount is a matter of some dispute.

Some authorities have indicated that no more than, let's say, a 10th of the percent of the asbestos that was originally in the brake linings remains in tact as asbestos.

Other authorities have put that number as high as perhaps 15 percent.

As a general rule of thumb, my estimate has always been that it is something like one percent or a little bit left remaining as asbestos.

The remainder changes in its mineralogical form and becomes essentially another mineral.

Q And that applies to the dust which is blown out from the used brakes; is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q Does that apply to the dust which is created when the new brakes are sanded or ground down to fit