Automobile Manufacturers

General Motors

- OK for front disc brakes (replacements available).
- No substitute for rear drum brakes.
- Especially difficult problem for heavy-duty trucks.

Chrysler

- Currently, all but one vehicle that Chrysler manufactures has semi-metallic front disc brake pads. However, even these require an asbestos-containing underlayer material for cushioning affect.
- Brake design criteria:
  - FMVSS-105
  - Lining life of 50,000 miles
  - Noise free operation
- Tests
  - Controlled laboratory tests narrow field of candidates
  - Field tests
- Forcing the use of asbestos-free materials will compromise motor vehicle safety.

Mitsubishi

- Replacement parts should be exempt. New materials may require a design change of related parts.
- No substitute as yet for rear drum brake linings.

Honda

- Should address any vehicle manufactured after the effective date. Not applicable to replacement parts.
- Retrofitting would require replacing other parts and is not cost-effective and reduces safety.

Volkswagen

- Will have asbestos-free brake linings across its entire product line beginning in 1987 model year.

Mercedes-Benz

- Rear brake pads and parking brake linings are asbestos free on all Mercedes-Benz passenger cars.