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PREFACE

Exposure to Asbestos during brake and clutch maintenance

THE PAPERS which follow were originally presented at a Conference held at the Central Office, Ford Motor Co., Brentwood, Essex, on 26 March 1969. The Chairman of the Conference was Dr G. H. Channing, Chief Medical Officer, Ford of Britain, who opened the proceedings by outlining the events which had led to the arranging of the Conference.

Publication of the proposed Asbestos Regulations by the Department of Employment and Productivity had raised queries within the motor industry as to whether clutch and brake maintenance activities, both at the manufacturers' premises and within the repair trade, would come within the requirements of the Regulations. There was a general desire that the subject should be investigated, and any necessary remedial measures sought, in advance of the legislation so that Dealers could be advised and servicing procedures modified where this might be necessary. Investigations had been made by the Industrial Hygiene Units of the British Motor Corporation, and of Ford of Britain, and their findings would be reported to the meeting. These would be preceded by papers on the medical aspects of exposure to asbestos, and later in the programme there would be papers indicating possible solutions to the problems involved.

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