Table 1. Motor vehicle mechanics among 324 mesothelioma cases, 315 hospital controls and 182 populations controls. Information from occupational history

Group	Total number N	Motor vehicle mechanics N	%	Beginning of employment median value and range	Duration of employment (years) median value and range	Definitively engaged in brake service* N	%	No other asbestos exposure N	%
Mesothelioma patients	324	16	4.9	1949 (1936–1972)	4 (1–8.4)	6	1.9	4	1.2
Hospital controls	315	16	5.1	1949 (1925–1962)	5 (3–43)	9	2.9	5	1.6
Population controls	182	12	6.6	1946 (1929–1958)	5.5 (0.6–35)	3	1.6	5	2.7

*This does not mean that other mechanics were not engaged in brake service.