

Inter-Office Correspondence

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Subject **Asbestos Type Friction Material**

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I would like to call your attention to the attached article relating to a potential health hazard, when working with asbestos composition type friction material. For any machining, drilling, or grinding operations, NIOSH has issued a warning pertaining to asbestos exposure.

Emphasis is also placed on cleaning methods when working with worn friction material, and NIOSH states that compressed air should not be used for this purpose under any circumstance.

The data collected by NIOSH, thus far, is only preliminary, but assuming that the final evidence will be conclusive, it's inevitable that OSHA standards will be written and adopted to protect against this hazard. We will then want to consider some type of warning decal or tag to be affixed to clutch and brake elements furnished with the asbestos type material. This warning will also be added to our instruction manuals.

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Attachment

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