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Your ref. BC Our ref. MM/SP Date March 9, 1982

Dear Mr. Castleman,

Thank you for your letter of March 1, 1982, asking for a letter from GM to the Swedish National Board of Health and Safety about asbestos free brake linings.

Herewith you will find a copy of above mentioned letter, and also a translation into English.

As you can read from the last paragraf the GM objective is to deliver asbestos free brake linings on all car models in 1984.

Sincerely,

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Beträffande Ert brev 1978-09-15 beteckning 514.1 3950/78 gällande asbestmaterial i bromsband.

Efter undersökning vid våra fabriker i USA har vi fått följande svar till Era frågor i rubricerade brev.

1. Asbestfria bromsklossar förekommer blandat på samtliga bilmodeller inklusive lätta lastbilar typ skåpmodeller och "Pick Up" modeller.

2. Övergång till asbestfritt material beror på att olika criterias börjat kräva denna åtgärd. Hinder i form av tekniska problem föreligger ej.

3. Uttalande kan endast göras för General Motors produkter.

4. För närvarande förekommer inte asbestfria bromsklossar bak.

5. General Motors målsättning är att 1984 leverera asbetsfritt material till bromsar på samtliga sina bilmodeller på såväl fram- som bakbromsar.

Vi hoppas därmed att Ni erhållit svar på ställda frågor men står givetvis ytterligare till tjänst om så erfordras.

Med vänlig hälsning
GENERAL MOTORS NORDISKA AB
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GENERAL MOTORS NORDISKA AB

Royal Board of Occupational Safety and Health

March 2, 1979

With reference to your letter of September 15, 1978, labeled 514.1 3950/78 concerning asbestos material in brake linings.
After inquiring our factories in the United States, we have received the following answers to the questions in the above mentioned letter.

1. Asbestos-free brake pads are partly available on all car models, including light trucks, like vans and pick up models.

2. The transition to asbestos-free material depends upon various criteria which have begun requiring this action.
   No technical obstacles are present.

3. This statement can only be made for products of General Motors.

4. At the present time asbestos free brake pads are not present for the rear.

5. The objective of General Motors is in 1984 to deliver asbestos-free material on all car models, including front and rear brakes.

We hope that you have received an answer to the question posed, but we hope to be of further service necessary.

With kindest regards,