

What is ASBESTOS ?

It's the name for a group of minerals* that occur naturally as bundles of long, silky fibers.

ASBESTOS IS AN IMPORTANT MATERIAL

In industry and construction, Asbestos fibers are woven or bonded together to create products that are:

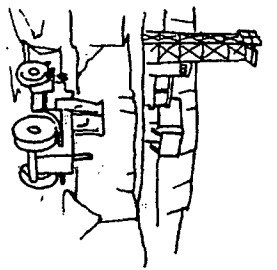
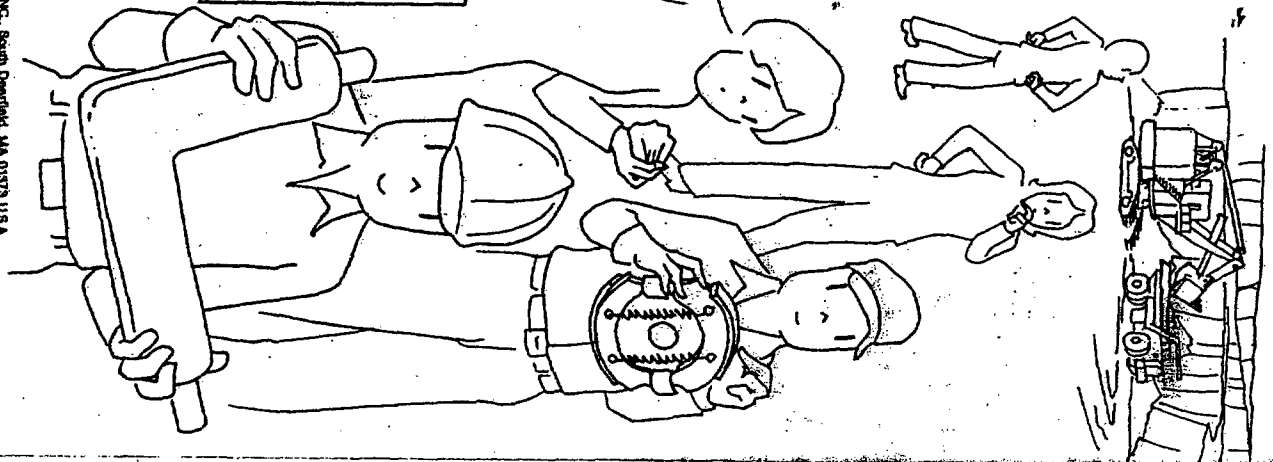
- strong
- flexible
- resistant to both heat and chemicals.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW TO WORK WITH ASBESTOS SAFELY

— because asbestos fibers can create a health hazard if they are inhaled or break apart and become airborne.

* The term "asbestos" includes chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, anthophyllite asbestos, actinolite asbestos and tremolite asbestos.

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How is asbestos USED ?

Asbestos is used in many ways, and its use has changed over the years.

IN THE PAST,

asbestos was widely used in:

- CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS — roofing, siding, wallboard, floor tiles, insulation
- TEXTILES — fireproof clothing
- SHIPBUILDING MATERIALS — insulation for boilers and steam pipes
- AUTOMOTIVE PARTS — brake shoes and clutch pads.

TODAY,

other materials are replacing asbestos wherever possible. Asbestos use is now limited to products where the fibers are bound within the product, minimizing hazards.



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