environmental/governmental requirements. This change demands use and development of substitute materials while maintaining competitive cost positions.

FPD-U.S., with its strong technical background and support, was a leader in the development of alternative fibers and fabrication methods that allowed our early entry into the asbestos-free products while maintaining our position as the low cost producer of high quality products for both Original Equipment and Aftermarket segments.

- Vehicle downsizing and production of front wheel drive vehicles.

  Requires materials/formulations that can absorb higher energies while performing noise-free with adequate wear life.

- Import vehicles have increased penetration of the U.S. Original Equipment market with corresponding impact on the Aftermarket.

  Requires tooling and equipment as well as application and development engineering to substitute proper formulation.

Products manufactured and marketed include: