



Inter Office

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Subject: Asbestos Content of Axle Plant Components

Ref.: Your memo dated 11-13-79

Brake shoe linings, purchased as part of complete brake assemblies, are the only components at the Van Dyke and Sterling Plants containing asbestos. The vendor estimates that each lining is approximately 60% asbestos.

It is unknown to the Brake Engineering Department as to whether handling of or exposure to the parts in the finished state is currently or will be harmful to Plant personnel.

Division Safety Engineers' recent check of the Van Dyke Plant showed the breathing area to be innocuous. A check of Sterling Plant will be performed in the near future.

Currently, there is no use of asbestos in production parts at the Indianapolis, Canton & Puerto Rico plants.

Non-component parts of concern to the Safety Department are steam pipe wrapping with asbestos insulation, asbestos roping on furnace doors, and gaskets for certain piping applications. The Plant's have been informed of these possible hazards.

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