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Larry Wartels
2550 Green Valley Road
Los Angeles, CA 90046

November 8, 1977

Ford Motor Company
Dearborn, Michigan

Dear Sirs:

Can you please send any information concerning the substitution of other materials for asbestos in the use of brake pads and clutches; considering the carcinogenic possibility and asbestosis possibility due to the ambient spread of the material from automobiles? If you do not have such data, can you give me the name and address of your supplier of asbestos containing material?

Thankyou for your assistance,

Larry Wartels
Larry Wartels

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Safety Standards and Regulations

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Mr. J. H. Hagman

My sources for information were
the author of one of the SAE papers
who works at the Scientific
Laboratory, Mr. A. E. Anderson,
Extension 75059 and Mr. D. F.
Fiscus of Advanced Chassis,
Extension 78766.

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FORD PARTS AND SERVICE DIVISION TWO-WAY MEMO

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TO: DEPT. <i>Safety & Environment</i>	ATTN: <i>RE. K. Hill</i>	SUBJECT: <i>CUSTOMER INQUIRY</i>
DIVISION <i>WH!</i>	LOCATION <i>375 WHQ</i>	
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The attached customer letter has been received by the Owner Relations Operations Department. We are forwarding the letter to your activity for assistance in providing an appropriate response.

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- S ☐ For your reply. Carbon copy to this office not required.
- A ☒ Other: *Please provide information for our personal*
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Signed

*[Signature]*At Owner Relations Operations Dept.
Room 816 - Parklane Towers West

Ext. 322-4337

YOUR INPUT REQUIRED TO ASSIST A FORD PRODUCT OWNER PLEASE PRINT REPLY BELOW

The possibility of carcinogenic effects and asbestosis due to the

R ambient spread of asbestos from automobiles is minute. The reason
for this finding is that the asbestos in brake and clutch linings
is converted to a non-fibrous material by the high temperature

E involved in normal vehicle usage. Therefore, the automobile is not
significant as a source of free asbestos.

P Ford has examined the total process of providing asbestos lining
materials on its vehicles. From a medical standpoint, problems from
exposure to asbestos may have to be overcome in the mine, in the making
of the linings and in our supplier plants. Free asbestos from vehicle
L usage and brake service is not considered a problem.

Mr. E. J. Selikoff is an internationally recognized authority on this

Y subject and has agreed with these findings. His works are referenced
in an SAE paper on the subject. (SAE 730549 - Asbestos Emissions from

Signed

[Signature]

Dept.

Safety & Environment

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