

RESPONSE:

GM does not know of any study that establishes that potential exposure to asbestos during brake repair operations constitutes a health hazard. There are many published articles that establish that mechanics who perform brake repair are not excessively exposed to asbestos and they do not have any increased risk of disease. The list of articles includes the following:

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