

ASBESTOS-FREE BONDED SEGMENTS

DURING WORLD WAR II GERMANY WAS CUT OFF FROM THE MAJOR SOURCES OF ASBESTOS AT TIME -- CANADA, RHODESIA AND RUSSIA. THEY DEVELOPED FORMULATIONS WITH STEEL WOOL IN PLACE OF ASBESTOS. THIS TYPE OF MATERIAL FOUND USE NOT ONLY IN CARS AND TRUCKS, BUT ALSO IN AIRCRAFT.

THIS TYPE OF FORMULA STILL PERSISTS. A TYPICAL EXAMPLE IS ABEX 717-39 STILL FITTED O.E. ON THE VOLKSWAGEN BEETLES MADE IN MEXICO.

AN IMPROVED VERSION IS ABEX 553 WHICH IS ALSO O.E. ON THE RABBIT IN NORTH AMERICA AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER VOLKSWAGEN MODELS AROUND THE WORLD.

IT WAS NOT A BIG STEP TO COMPLETELY REMOVE THE REMAINING ASBESTOS FROM THIS TYPE OF FORMULA AND PRODUCE THE ASBESTOS FREE FORMULATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN O.E. AT VOLKSWAGEN IN EUROPE AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND AT FORD FOR THE ESCORT AND OTHER VEHICLES.

FROM THIS BACKGROUND COMES NA27 WHICH ABEX IS NOW OFFERING FOR THE NORTH AMERICAN AFTERMARKET. A SIMILAR PROGRAM IS IN HAND IN EUROPE WHERE ABEX-FRANCE IS OFFERING FORMULA 322.

NA27 IS SPECIALLY TAILORED FOR U.S. CONDITIONS AND CAN BE COMPARED DIRECTLY WITH OUR VERY POPULAR 261-1 AND 261-2.

UNLIKE EUROPE, A GREAT MAJORITY OF VEHICLES IN NORTH AMERICA USE DUO SERVO BRAKES. FOR THIS WE NEED A LOWER FRICTION. NA27 IS IN THE E-F RANGE -- LIKE 261-1 AND 261-2.

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