

EAT•N**J. LATSKO****Internal Correspondence****Date:** February 15, 1985**SALES DEPARTMENT LETTER #85-01****To:** All Sales Offices, Agents & Distributors**Copy:****From:** John Kozdron**Subject:** VC ELEMENTS
NON-ASBESTOS FRICTION MATERIAL

Because of the health hazards associated with asbestos, we are under consumer pressure to furnish non-asbestos friction material for our products. A recent reduction of allowable airborne asbestos fiber length by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has caused further concern among our customers. Even though they may accept the fact that there is no measurable amount of airborne asbestos fiber liberated to the atmosphere during clutch or brake engagement, they still request non-asbestos material. One of our 1985 goals is to offer a non-asbestos friction lining option for all of our products.

At this time, we are announcing the availability of non-asbestos lining for our VC product line. You may wish to so inform your VC customers. Pricing and part numbers for the friction blocks and friction shoe assemblies are shown on the attached sheet. Note that an element price adder is shown. This amount is to be added to the element published prices. To identify a non-asbestos element, the third digit of its part number will be replaced with a two. All other digits, alphas and element configurations remain the same.

Example: 145644HC element with asbestos lining
142644HC element with non-asbestos lining

We intend to stock a limited quantity of the non-asbestos linings. Friction shoes and elements will be assembled when ordered. Presently, a lead time of ten weeks will be required. It will improve once the program is on stream.

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John Kozdron

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