

Table 22

Forced vital capacity as a percent of that predicted (FVC/PFVC)
according to job category and smoking history

Type of work	Smoking History			Smoking standardized ¹
	Current smokers	Ex-smokers	Non-smokers	
No stated asbestos exposure or garage work	94.1±1.8 (45)	94.7±1.9 (47)	99.2±2.6 (25)	95.7±1.2
Garage employment with no brake or body work	86.0±2.6 (36)	92.1±2.4 (42)	96.4±2.6 (29)	91.3±1.5
Garage employment including brake work	93.6±1.2 (128)	98.5±1.2 (181)	98.2±1.4 (118)	96.9±0.7
Garage employment including body work	93.0±2.8 (12)	92.8±4.6 (15)	92.9±4.5 (5)	92.9±2.4
All identified and possible asbestos exposure	94.0±2.0 (63)	94.7±1.5 (83)	100.8±2.2 (53)	96.1±1.1
Possible asbestos exposure	94.9±3.3 (24)	94.7±2.2 (26)	99.8±2.7 (18)	96.1±1.6
Shipyard, heating trades	93.0±2.7 (37)	94.3±2.0 (56)	101.5±3.2 (33)	95.8±1.5
Direct asbestos exposure (insulation, factory work)	101.6±3.4 (2)	118.9 (1)	98.4±19.1 (2)	*

± = standard error of the mean

() = number of individuals in category

* = Too few in category to be meaningful

¹ Standardized to the smoking distribution of all with valid pulmonary function test.
(Smokers, 31.6%; Ex-smokers, 42.4%; Non-smokers, 26.0%)

The categorization of work activity is such that an individual in a given category would have no exposure of a category lower in the table, i.e., a person classified as a brake worker would not have other exposure to asbestos or other dusts. On the other hand, categories low in the table, shipyard workers, e.g., could also have exposure to asbestos in categories higher in the table, such as brake work.