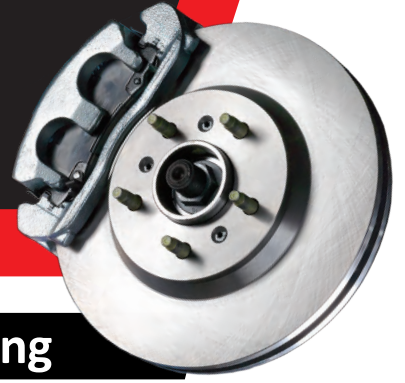


TECH TIPS



Best Practices- Passenger Car/Light Truck Burnishing

When replacing brake pads, a "break-in" or "burnishing" procedure is recommended to properly condition both the brake pads and brake rotors for the best service and a long life.

The burnish process, if done correctly, does at least three things to the pads and/or rotor:

- Physically and thermally converts the composition of the pad and/or rotor.
- Smooths the asperities (roughness, unevenness) of the mating surfaces.
- Heat cycles the entire pad structure.

The recommended procedure is:

1. For "normal" street service eight to ten moderate applications from 40-10 mph is sufficient. Allow for a 1/4 to 1/2 mile cool down between brake applications.
2. Allow the brakes to cool for at least 15 minutes either by parking the vehicle or continuing to drive at moderate speeds with minimal brake applications.

This burnishing procedure offers optimal performance, extended life, and minimizes noise issues.

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