

Textar product testing China related to asbestos, March 2016

What are the facts?

On 14th March 2016 a Chinese publication that appeared in *Consumer reporting* reported on tests carried out with what supposedly are 8 Textar brake pad references. Two of which are reported to contain asbestos, based on the reported testing. All tested references are ECO level 4.

What is TMD Friction's take on the media reporting and the associated findings?

Based on the available information TMD Friction is convinced that the asbestos contaminated test samples do not come from any of its manufacturing facilities nor its supply chain.

Already during the 1990s TMD Friction has phased out asbestos from its global product portfolio. Since the end of the 1990ies, but in any case latest as from 1st January 2000 onward, TMD Friction has neither manufactured nor sold/distributed products containing asbestos.

Against this background it also does not make sense that the tested products, which are ECO level 4, are associated with asbestos contamination.

TMD Friction cannot make any statement on the origin of the products in question, as there is no link to TMD Friction or any of its products.

TMD Friction does not want to infer any assumption as to why the tested products appear to be Textar.

How do people know that they have purchased an original TMD Friction Aftermarket product?

TMD Friction takes serious its responsibility to guarantee full tracking of its supply chain and products. Products manufactured by TMD Friction for the Aftermarket do always adhere to and exceed applicable legislation.

Moreover, product packaging is constantly advanced with regards to safety measures against manipulation.

Customers therefore enjoy the highest level of safety when purchasing original Aftermarket products from TMD Friction.

What is the ECO level referred to?

More than a decade ago TMD Friction was instrumental in the development of the Eco-Table – a set of ecological/environmental classification standards for friction materials. It ranges from ECO1 to ECO 4 and today it is a universally recognized standard. All TMD Friction Aftermarket materials are ECO level 4.

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