



Railroad Friction Products Corporation

PRODUCT BULLETIN

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NEW Tread Conditioning Brake Shoe Specification (AAR M-997)

In 2008 the AAR initiated a change to the specification and subsequent approval of tread conditioning freight brake shoes. This change requires all tread conditioning shoes to be compliant with the new M-997, "High Friction Tread Conditioning-High Capacity" specification. This change in friction material does not affect the "form" or "fit" of the TreadGuard product, while providing a higher standard for "fade resistance" for heavy grade operation.

TreadGuard® HiCap™ Brake Shoes have met all the AAR qualifications of the new standard and are approved for use in interchange service. As a result of the specification and material change new part numbers are required. Railroad Friction Products Corporation will begin manufacturing the new part numbers (below) August 2, 2010, and will obsolete the previous numbers as soon as possible, however, we will work with each individual customer to insure a smooth transition and no interruption of supply.

These part numbers will become obsolete

- V398 - 2" TreadGuard Brake Shoe (original design)
- V604 - 1 ½" TreadGuard Brake Shoe (original design)
- V624 - 2" TreadGuard DayOne™ Brake Shoe
- V625 - 1 ½" TreadGuard DayOne Brake Shoe
- V10002 – 2" TreadGuard DayOne Brake Shoe w/forged key

The part numbers will be replaced by

- V674 - 2" TreadGuard DayOne HiCap Brake Shoe
- V672 - 1 ½" TreadGuard DayOne HiCap Brake Shoe
- V10018 - 2" TreadGuard DayOne HiCap Brake Shoe w/forged key

All current pricing is valid on the new part numbers through your contract/agreement period.

To ensure a seamless changeover, please make the appropriate changes in your system as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact Railroad Friction Products Corporation Customer Service at (910) 844-9711 or myself directly.

Respectfully,

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Attachments: V674-o, V672-o, MSDS-796

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