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Comments:

I have a 2000 Dodge Dakota quad cab that has a brake problem. The brakes pulsate when stopping and cause SEVERE braking problems with the ABS which have damned near taken me off the road. Gene's Chrysler of Fairbanks replaced the brake rotors just over a year ago, but the problem started again just a couple months ago (that puts it, conveniently, out of service warranty). I was informed by the service department at Gene's that the problem was common, and caused by the extreme temperature changes that occur here in interior Alaska, coupled with the fact that they are no longer allowed to use asbestos brake shoes which are supposedly better? I know that other materials are available for brake shoes that work far better, for example, I recently landed in various planes that decelerated from very high speeds without the slightest brake shudder. Also I own an '93 Eagle Talon TSI with 120,000 miles (original brakes and shoes) an '81 GMC K3500 (owned since new, 140,000 miles, original brakes) and a '76 Jeep Wagoneer (rebuilt '94 new rotors, shoes no problems in 110,000 miles). I have not had any problem with the brakes in any of these vehicles, Yet Chrysler refuses to admit that there is a problem with the Dakota.

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