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UPDATE REPORT

The asbestos problem at General Motors dates back to about 1969, when GM management decided to eliminate it from their products. Among the first to switch over to a non-asbestos product was the Harrison Radiator Div. who had used 8 to 15 tons a day of JM 7TF1, for their polyester premix application. A fine clay was subsituted for the asbestos, and although their reject rate increased 2 to 3 times, with product quality and economics suffering also, they were adamant in refusing to evaluate HPP.

Since that time and to this day the rumored GM asbestos ban has prevailed. Altough to my knowledge nothing has been written down in letter form from GM to their suppliers, it is known that product formulations list toxic materials and accompany samples from GM evaluations. If the product contains asbestos it is not evaluated, or if it is, it must be reformulated without asbestos before final acceptance from the GM labs.

The immediate impetus for this high level meeting was the refusal by GM to accept an Epoxy base resin containing EC 144 to replace the present lead solder program. The use of lead solder dates back historically to auto fabrications, but again due to Gov't regulations there has been a desire to find a replacement. Both Ohio Sealer and H. B. Fuller, plus unknown other suppliers, have submitted acceptable material to GM and had it shot down because it contained asbestos.

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