

Technical Notes

Brake Lining Cleaning

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I was asked by a person if one could use a wire brush on an angle grinder or a roloc tool attachment to remove the glazing and dirt from brake linings on the Model A. They were referring to the woven linings.

The answer is no! These would be dangerous and could cause serious damage to the linings. Those tools are much too aggressive to be used on the woven linings. I have found that using a soft bristle brass wire brush by hand works very well. Clean up and down then side to side, and then tap the shoe against something hard to remove the dirt. If you choose to use compressed air, do it outside with low pressure (10 psi) wearing eye protection and a respirator.

NAPA Auto Parts sells a tire cleaning brush that works extremely well for cleaning the linings. (Fig. 1)

Balkamp #760-1407

Brass bristle brush

Tire cleaner

