

Bulletin BES 02-22

Subject: Improper installation may result in interference with the compact spare tire, and reduce brake pad life.

Vehicle Involved: 1997-2001 Chevrolet Malibu
1997-2001 Oldsmobile Cutlass
1999-2001 Oldsmobile Alero
1999-2001 Pontiac Grand Am

Condition: It may be possible to interchange the outboard and inboard brake pads on the above listed vehicles. If the use of a compact spare tire occurs soon after brake service, interference between the compact spare tire and the caliper may occur. Reduced brake pad service life may also result. Close inspection of the brake pads reveal differences in puck and backing plate dimensions.

Repair Procedure: New front brake pads come with left hand and right hand inner brake pads. When installing the front brake pads, the pads with the **wear indicator** must be installed in the inboard position as illustrated below (1). When the caliper is secured to the car, the wear indicator will be located at the top, just like the bleeder screw.

