

Bulletin BES 01-18

Subject: Re-use of O.E. shims on FWD Continentals, Taurus, and Sable.

Vehicles Involved: 1998 Front wheel drive, Ford, Lincoln, and similar vehicles originally equipped with integrally molded brake pads.

Condition: Re-use of O.E. shims may cause the shim to shift, or restrict pad movement in the caliper housing.

Repair Procedure: The O.E. shims used on these vehicles interlock into the steel plate of the brake pad. The shim is manufactured with a raised dimple that indexes to the original equipment pad. If the O.E. shims are used on certain aftermarket pads, the shim will sit high on the pad. This may create installation problems and allow the shim to slide or move on the metal backing of the pad when the brakes are applied. Do not reuse these O.E. shims. The 1998 vehicles listed above were originally equipped with non-ferrous ceramic brake pads.

