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METALLIC BRAKE LINING CONDITIONING PROCEDURE

The brake lining material used in this brake assembly is an iron based metallic composition. This material must be properly conditioned (glazed) in order to provide optimum service life.

Dynamometer tests have shown that at low braking energies, unglazed linings experience greater wear and the brake discs can become severely scored.

Conditioning may be accomplished as follows:

1. Perform two (2) consecutive full stop braking applications from 30 to 35 kts. Do not allow the brake discs to cool substantially between stops.
2. On aircraft with tail wheels, exercise caution during stopping to prevent tail lifting. Due to the efficiency of these brakes, extremely hard braking could result in lifting the tail from the ground.

This conditioning procedure will wear off high spots and generate sufficient heat to glaze the linings. Once the linings are glazed, the braking system will provide many hours of maintenance free service.

Visual inspection of the brake disc will indicate the lining condition. A smooth surface, without grooves, indicates the linings are properly glazed. If the disc is rough (grooved), the linings must be reglazed. The conditioning procedure should be performed whenever the rough disc condition is evident.

Light use, such as in taxiing, will cause the glaze to be worn rapidly.

Use caution in performing this procedure, as higher speeds with successive stops could cause the brakes to overheat resulting in warped discs and/or pressure plates.

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