Title: Leather Brake Pad Care Instructions

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The leather brake pad should be cared for at installation and for the life of the brake pad.

Some brake pad assemblies may come pre-lubricated. A quick inspection can be performed by squeezing the brake pad. If lubricant is released, then the pad has been pre-lubricated.

If the brake pad is dry, then at installation, the brake pad should be coated with 3-n-1 oil. Rough up the leather with a clean, wire bristle brush then apply the oil. The oil should be allowed to soak into the pad. The process should be repeated 4-5 times or until the pad is saturated (not dripping) with oil. If the pad is saturated, it will no longer absorb oil.

Weekly the pad should be inspected and lubricated if necessary. The pad should not have a "glazed" appearance. If the pad appears "glazed", then it can be roughed up with a wire brush and lubricant applied as necessary. If any of the sponge padding is showing through the leather pad at inspection, the brake pad should be replaced.

Following these simple guidelines can increase the life of your brake pads.