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## GM "W" Body Calipers Seized

Application

All vehicles equipped with disc brakes.

Problem

n Uneven or rapid pad wear blamed on defective caliper.

**Cause** Defective mounting hardware or faulty installation may be the actual problem.

Solution

Before replacing a caliper use the wear guide charts below to help diagnose pad wear.



Wear pattern: Outboard pad worn.

Cause: Caliper slides or mounting pins not functioning properly.



**Wear Pattern:** Tapered wear - horizontally or vertically. **Cause:** Worn caliper bushings or defective mounting hardware.



**Wear Pattern:** Cracked lining, chipped friction edges or fast wear. **Cause:** Excessive heat build-up due to constant friction caused by faulty brake hoses, brake pedal or booster misadjustment, or mounting hardware.



**Wear Pattern:** Grooves in the surface of friction material. **Cause:** Rotors should be turned or replaced.



Wear Pattern: Step in lining.

**Cause:** Pads improperly installed. Inspect installation, check for defective mounting hardware, and replace as necessary.



**Normal Wear Pattern:** CARDONE loaded calipers, good rotors and proper installation insure long service life.

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