Supplemental Information for

021-163 or 17H4960 Piston, Brake Caliper AH 3000 BN7, BT7, BJ7, BJ8 TO (C)26704

Black Pistons?

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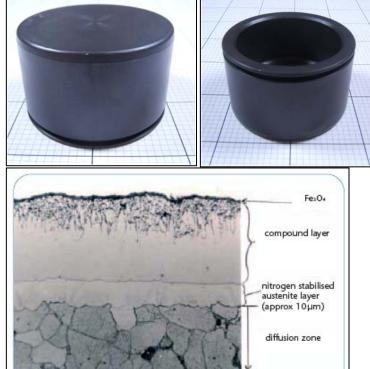
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The original brake caliper pistons were steel with a hard chrome finish. Although they were very durable, they eventually will rust and become pitted, which is why replacement pistons are needed.

The manufacturer in England, a supplier of original equipment braking systems and components, has the pistons treated by Nitrotec. Nitrotec, the name of the company and the process, stands for Nitriding Oxidizing Protection. It is a patented industrial metal surface treatment in which the outer layer of steel is nitrocarburised, then oxidized, then quenched. Nitrocarburising (a variation of the Nitriding process) provides excellent wear and corrosion resistance. The process occurs at temperatures of 540-740°C (1000 -1360°F) in a chamber with a carefully controlled levels of nitrogen and carbon. It builds up a series of layers which combine to give the finish the physical and chemical properties needed for a specific application. The steel is hardened to a degree that would not normally be possible without going to much higher temperatures, which would distort the precision machined piston. It is important to note that this process actually penetrates the surface of the steel - it is not a film sitting on top of the surface.



Structure of a NITROTEC*-layer (15-30 microns; 0.0005906-0.0011812 inch)

When technology makes it possible to improve on original specifications, it is appropriate to do so. In the case of these pistons, the black surface finish represents a significant improvement over hard chrome. These pistons will provide years of trouble-free operation, significantly outlasting steel pistons with a hard chrome finish.

Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and clarity of this information, any suggestions that you may have that will improve the information (especially detailed installation notes) are welcome. Please use the simple email form on the "Contact Us" page on the Moss website: http://www.mossmotors.com/AboutMoss/ContactUs.aspx

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