

# Car Care Corner

## The Right Brake Pad For You

(NAPSA)—Here's some news about brakes you may want to stop and read. If your car's brakes are squealing, they may be sending you a message. Brakes that make noise may be signalling that it's time for much-needed repair work.

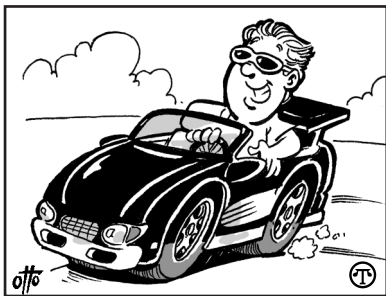
What's the best way to keep your car's brakes in shape? Install the best brake pads you can afford. According to brake pad manufacturer, Akebono, when it comes to replacing your brake pads, experts agree that choosing the right brake pads for your driving style will help you drive more safely and with more confidence.

So, what's your driving style?

**The Performance Driver**—If you're a performance driver you'll need a brake pad that is designed to lower operating temperatures and deliver faster, quieter, more controlled stops while extending rotor life and the life of all brake system components.

**The European Driver**—Luxury and performance are both required when you drive European vehicles. Brake pads should therefore provide the same safe and aggressive pedal feel you have come to appreciate, only without brake dust.

**The Severe Duty Driver**—High miles driver, extreme heat and cold and heavy loads are all examples of severe duty driving. To



**Regardless of your driving style, nothing is stopping you from finding the right replacement brake pads.**

address these needs, choose brake pads that are engineered to virtually eliminate noise and vibration.

**The Every Day Driver**—Many drivers feel that because they simply drive their cars to work or school every day, they do not need to pay attention to what brake pads they put on their car. "That couldn't be further from the truth," says Bill Hilbrandt, vice president of research and development for Akebono Corporation North America. Ultra premium and premium ceramic pads are the best choice for this style of driving. Tests show that the leading ceramic brake pads last longer than traditional brake pads in most stopping situations.

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