Don’t Assume Your Self-Adjusting Brake Adjusters are Being Diagnosed Correctly...

Ask the following questions to be sure.

- Check repairs are done properly.
- Make sure the technician follows a proper diagnostic procedure.
- Ask if the technician is able to identify what is causing the excessive stroke.
- Make sure it is not just being temporarily repositioned.
Unfortunately technicians don't always take the time to conduct a proper diagnosis to identify the root cause of excessive pushrod stroke. Simply repositioning (or re-adjusting) the brake doesn't repair the problem, even though the brake may appear to be in compliance and working properly. Improper repairs can mask safety problems and even cause damage to the self adjusting brake (SBA) adjuster.

Doing a proper diagnosis is very important when dealing with excessive pushrod stroke on a vehicle that has self-adjusting brake adjusters (SBA) also known as 'automatic' brake adjusters, 'automatic slack adjusters' or just 'auto slacks'. Identifying and correcting the problem is key to keeping your vehicle safe and in compliance with vehicle safety regulations.

For more detailed information on diagnosing and repairing problems with excessive pushrod stroke on brakes having SBAs, go to:

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