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MAZDA SIGNS UP TO PBR TECHNOLOGY

The Banksia single-shoe park brake technology that has proven so popular in Australia and North America is now moving into Japan.

A licence agreement has been established with Japan Brake Industrial (JBI) allowing them to build park brakes incorporating the PBR patented technology for supply to the Mazda MPV program.

The park brakes will be manufactured in JBI's Hiroshima factory and supplied JIT to Mazda's Hiroshima assembly plant. Production commences in August 2003 and will see more than 80,000 vehicles built annually for supply to both the domestic and export markets.

The Banksia park brake is unique in that it utilises a single shoe concept leading to significant benefits in weight reduction, improved performance and ease of servicing. Over 7 million Banksias are produced globally each year and have been successfully incorporated into passenger sedans, light trucks, SUVs and MPVs.

The next generation Banksia, known as the eBanksia, which incorporates electronic actuation and delivers additional driver benefits, is now available through PBR for development onto specific vehicle platforms.

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