

SHOP NOTES King Midget Maintenance and Restoration

D-15 LETTER: Floating Model 2 Brakes?

Bob: To float or not to float (the M2 brake linings). That is the question? The intention may have been to allow them to float. What do you think? I see the Texas M2 prototype has a spring behind mounting bolt with spring behind the bolt that holds the shoe. **John White**

I'm thinking that's a "pro-float" indication? And I note the lining goes all the way to the bottom. The question has been raised in the past (Shop Notes, D-3). Does anyone know if this photo is the standard M2 brake attachment detail? And if the lining is intended to float or stay stationary?
Bob

Bob: The bottom has to pivot on the bolt in order for the shoe to move so to line up with the circle of the drum. I've not seen one with a spring but that's OK. And the linings should go all way around the shoe; one continuous lining. **Lee**