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Putting on the Brakes Continued

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My friend of 45+ years, fellow SVBCC member, Lincoln Highway traveling companion, and fountain of knowledge, Mike Hughes, wrote me regarding my column on the history of car brakes. He gently pointed out that:

"The first standard electronic ABS system in a production car was the Sure-Trak electronic system in the 1971 Lincoln Continental Mark III.

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Mike also noted that in 1965 Jensen incorporated ABS (Maxaret) on their 1965 CV8 FF (a one-off prototype) which also offered 4 wheel drive. Source is the Jensen Museum <https://www.jensenmuseum.org/dunlop-maxaret/>. Two years later, in 1967, the production Jensen Interceptor FF was equipped with Dunlop Maxaret mechanical ABS and traction control."

Always ready to learn and improve, the correct answer to last month's Simple Stuff article on brakes should have read:

"What was the first production car with anti-lock brakes?

Answer: The 1967 Jensen Interceptor FF."

Your faithful and humble servant,
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