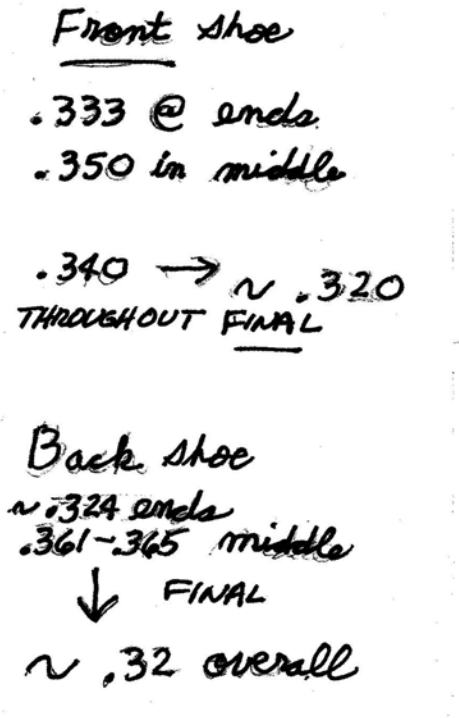
Fitting New Bendix Brakes

I decided to fit Bendix brakes to the rear like I did on front. One of the main reasons was that I just couldn't get the right rear adjusted correctly. It was too tight and would heat up.

When I pulled the drums on both rears I cleaned up the drum surfaces with fine ScotchBrite especially where I saw contact points. The left rear went fine but not the left.

I had real trouble slipping the left one on so started measuring and found the thickness dimensions below for the shoe metal and composite total thicknesses:



It took me 3 times, sanding and then checking before I could get the drum on. The above were the finals that worked out. The only thing I could figure is that the NOS Ford brake drum on that side was slightly thicker than normal.