



## **F A S T B R A K E**

### **It's About Time...You Got Your Brakes Fixed**

Time is money, especially for small business owners. The last thing you want is to have one of your vehicles, and drivers, out-of-commission at a repair shop, especially when your vehicles are part of your revenue generating process. Enter [Fastbrake](http://www.fastbrake.com) (www.fastbrake.com), a mobile brake repair company started in 1989 in north Austin. This brake shop-on-wheels operates out of modified delivery trucks equipped with a generator, brake lathe and all the tools necessary to do brake repair on anything from a small car to a truck its own size.

Most brake jobs are done in about an hour and are booked a day in advance, but same-day repairs are possible, depending on the technicians' schedules. Does this convenience come at a higher cost? "There's a service charge of less then \$10 dollars, but other than that our prices are consistent with any other legitimate repair shop," said owner Steve Takamatsu.

After spending 20 years in the corporate finance world, Takamatsu began to develop an appreciation for the automotive repair industry. Takamatsu bought [Lawson Tire & Automotive](#) in south Austin in 2005 and expanded his reach with the purchase of Fastbrake in 2007. Why the automotive empire Steve? "The demand in the automotive repair industry is for quality work. We aren't competing necessarily on lowest price. We want to provide our customers with trustworthy, quality work at fair prices so they'll come back to us for life."

The Fastbrake business appealed to Takamatsu, knowing there were many small businesses in Austin that relied on vehicles to get their work done. While the focus is on business-to-business work, the company nonetheless has served thousands of private individuals over the years who value the convenience Fastbrake brings to the table.