

**Wheels:** A reader writes, “I have a 1998 Land Rover Discovery that I purchased new in 1998. Maintenance schedules have been on time and oil changes every 6000 miles. I heard a noise when I started my car and it sounded like a ticking/rattle. The mechanic could not hear this noise but said the oil was 2 quarts low and for me to have it changed. I did, but I had just had the oil changed less than 5000 miles. I still hear a ticking noise now after the car has been running. I have 47,000 plus miles and the warranty is for 50,000 miles. Is there something really wrong that they don’t want to fix? I also had leaks that were supposed to have been fixed. The gasket was replaced and the oil pan resealed. Help.

**Haldeman:** The ticking noise usually is associated with the valve train. The wrong viscosity engine oil could be the cause. Did the Range Rover dealer do the oil change? The wrong oil filter can cause a valve ticking sound when the engine starts. If the correct oil (and level – not too low or overfilled) and oil filter are being used then the noise is likely due to a fault with a valve lifter or related parts. I would make an appointment at the local dealer for them to diagnose the noise.

