

**Wheels:** Dan writes, “I have a 1996 Grand AM. It has given off a strong smell of antifreeze (in the passenger compartment) when turning on the heat/defroster. This is especially noticeable when going from air conditioning mode to heat mode. While the car was still under warranty, Pontiac replaced the heater core. It was OK for about a year, then the problem came back. By then my warranty had expired. Are you aware of any recalls or other references to this condition? Any suggestions as to a fix?”

**Halderman:** I didn’t find any bulletins relating to coolant loss from the heater core, but I did find one that indicates that coolant loss can occur from a leak around the thermostat housing (Bulletin number 67-62-04). A bulletin does not mean that the repair is covered by the warranty but rather is used for information to the service technician that others have located a fault in this area. I suggest you have the system checked for leaks using dye and a black light.

