

Wheels: An e-mail from Lona says, "I am very confused as to whether I should have all the fluids changed in my car. I have a 1992 Honda Accord LX with 60,000 miles on it. Money, or the lack of it, is a tremendous concern to me so I do not want to do anything not completely necessary. On the other hand, I must drive this car for many years to come. Please give me an opinion."

Halderman: I would recommend that all fluids be replaced according to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended intervals as stated in the owner's manual. Your vehicle is now eleven years old and the following fluids are usually recommended to be changed:

1. Automatic transmission fluid
2. Engine coolant
3. Brake fluid

At this age and mileage, the timing belt is usually recommended to be changed. While this can be expensive, the coolant, water pump, and accessory drive belts are also replaced at this time. If these operations are performed now, your vehicle will be properly prepared for many more miles and years of service.

