

Wheels: An e-mail from Bob S. of Springboro says, "I have older Fords that take conventional ethylene glycol and a newer GM car that takes Dexcool. The retail stores seem to have stopped selling real Dexcool and are selling "universal antifreeze." It appears to be ethylene glycol without silicates. The old standby, silicated ethylene glycol, is still available in stores (for now).

What is your opinion about replacing the factory fill (whether it be ethylene glycol or Dexcool), or adding to, with the universal antifreeze? Are there any implications down the road?"

Halderman: I, too, see universal antifreeze. All or most are still ethylene glycol based and the only difference is in the additive package, either organic acids or silicates and phosphates. I don't see how a universal coolant could be made that meets all of the requirements. I suggest using only the coolant that is recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

