

**Wheels:** A writer asks, “I would like information regarding a collapsed torque mount. The car is a 1995 Saturn. How serious is this problem? How does it affect the steering?”

**Halderman:** The engine mount supports the engine and absorbs engine torque as it tries to rotate in the engine compartment as the vehicle is being driven. If this mount were to fail (collapse), the front drive axle shaft angle is affected, which changes the amount of torque delivered to the front wheels during rapid acceleration or when shifting gears. It is this unequal torque that causes the vehicle to move in one direction when accelerating. This condition is called torque steer and the most common cause is due to defective engine and/or transaxle mounts. While replacing the mount will not completely eliminate torque steer on a front-wheel-drive vehicle, it will restore it to the lowest possible amount.

