

Wheels: A question from JH says, “I have a 1993 Ford Aerostar van with 101,000 miles. It runs great, but I have never changed the transmission fluid. I do notice a slight roar when I back out of the garage occasionally. I wanted to change the fluid when it had 50,000 miles on it, but was told it would do more harm than good as I had waited too long. Should I change it now or just let it go. I normally would have traded it off before this, but the body is in great shape and the motor uses no oil. Everything works and it is a great car to take my friends to the golf course. I just wonder if I should do anything about the transmission.”

Halderman: The roar that you hear is most likely due to the fan clutch. It can stay engaged until you drive a few miles. In my opinion, I would not change the transmission fluid because even though it should be replaced since it has not been previously changed, it may cause problems due to the lubrication properties of the new fluid.

