

**Wheels:** An e-mail from Kirk says, “I have a 2002 Chevy S-10 with 25,000 miles, which I purchased new. Recently while talking with a relative, he told me about having to have over \$1,000 in repairs to his newer (than 2002) Silverado due to the GM exclusive DexCool going bad and rusting interior parts. My question is do I need to have the DexCool, which is presently in my S-10, flushed out and replaced with regular antifreeze? I have never flushed my truck’s coolant to date.”

**Halderman:** The rust is a result of a coolant leak commonly formed at the radiator cap area. When air enters the system, rust forms. Fix the leak and the problem could be fixed. The antifreeze can cause some deterioration of the plastic in the intake manifold gaskets, especially if the truck has a V-6 engine. Most factory warranties and extended warranties will cover this repair.

Many service technicians do replace the orange DexCool coolant with conventional green coolant, but this means that it should be replaced about every two years.

