

Wheels: Mark writes, “I have a 1989 Buick that has a cracked head or a blown head gasket. The problem is that the front head, which has all the bolts loose, will not come off. There is a bracket on the front that holds the struts to the engine. How do I remove this bracket to get the head off?”

Halderman: The strut is used between the head and the radiator in front and it can be removed without doing any harm. The engine will not fall. This strut (if it is the one I am thinking it is) is used to prevent the engine from moving too much during acceleration. Also, if the head does not come off with all of the bolts removed, please double-check that all of the bolts have been removed. I can personally tell you that this can happen.

