

Wheels: Terry asks in an e-mail, “I have a 1988 Dodge Caravan with 345,000 miles on it and very few problems. My son uses it for school. Yesterday the car was running fine. He stopped at the mailbox, but when he went to back up, the car would not move in reverse. It makes a slight whining noise in reverse only, and all of the other selector ranges work normally. It will also move when pushed manually when in reverse, but will not move itself. Please help me if you can! I do most of the repairs on the car myself and I need some good advice on this problem.”

Halderman: Thanks for writing and congratulations on getting over 300,000 miles from the vehicle! The no reverse sounds like a major failure of the transmission. A new or used transmission may be your best repair due to the age and mileage on the vehicle. Then again, you have received many years and miles of service so you may want to consider donating the vehicle and purchasing another.

