

Wheels: An e-mail from Jim states, “I recently purchased a Honda Pilot and the dealer stated that if I was going to be towing anything, I needed to purchase the towing package. This package includes a transmission and power steering cooler. This package is expensive and I was wondering if these coolers really work or if it is just another dealer add on?”

Halderman: These coolers are very necessary to prevent excessive heat from destroying the transmission and power steering fluids and I even recommend them for normal driving because they help keep the temperature of these important fluids under control. For example, according to General Motors Corp., automatic transmission fluid will last the life of the vehicle if it does not get above 175 degrees. The life of the fluid is measured in hours instead of mileage if it exceeds 275 degrees.

