

Wheels: An e-mail from Rick says, “I hope you can help. I have a 1994 Ford Taurus 3.8 liter, automatic transaxle, with approximately 65,000 miles on it. It runs and shifts perfectly, but leaks transmission fluid only when the car gets at running temperature, not when it is cold. You can take it to the store about three miles away and back and it does not leak, but make a trip of about 15 to 20 miles or more and it leaks. This problem has just started this week. I have looked at a manual for the car and they state that I should check the vent for the transaxle, but I cannot find where the vent is located. Can you help me?”

Halderman: The vent is on the top of the transaxle. It usually has a loose fitting cover used to keep water and dirt from getting into the unit. It should wiggle when you touch it. If it is covered with mud, it could cause the problem you describe. A professional service technician could use a dye in the fluid and then check for leaks using a black light.

