

Wheels: An e-mail from Pat says, “My problem is that my 1993 Toyota Camry LE with 113,000 miles on it has been sluggish in advancing its gear to overdrive once I get on the highway. Normally, my Toyota would be transitioning into overdrive around 2800-3200 RPM, now the transitioning is happening around 3800-4200 RPM. The fluids check out normal. Any thoughts?”

Halderman: Thanks for writing. There are several possible causes of your concern including: The last “shift” that you feel is usually the torque converter clutch. The clutch material could be worn and causing the delay. An engine fault such as a vacuum leak or a defective temperature sensor could also be causing this problem. I suggest you take it to a Toyota dealer or to someone who is very familiar with your vehicle. Maybe all it needs is to have the valve body cleaned. This part of the automatic transmission can be serviced without removing the transmission from the vehicle. A scan tool could also be used to check for transmission-related data and help pinpoint the cause of your problem.

