

Wheels: An e-mail from John asks, “I own a 1995 Chrysler Concorde 3.5 liter with 125,000 miles. The problem is that the car hesitates for 2 or more seconds, and then jumps as the gears kick in. This is most notable when the car is cold, but does it to a lesser extent even when warm. If I bring the car to a complete stop and wait, the car sounds as if it downshifts, then I do not have the response. In 1999, we had the transmission repaired. I checked the transmission fluid and oil levels (it does leak oil regularly). I hope we are not in for an expensive repair.

Halderman: The good news is that it could be just the valve body and solenoid(s) that are causing the problem. There is an old saying: “If the vehicle does not move, remove the transmission. If the transmission doesn’t shift correctly, check the valve body.” I would suggest you return the vehicle to the last place it was repaired first. While it sounds like it could be an expensive repair, I would hope that it could be repaired for a few hundred dollars or less.

