

**Wheels:** *G.D writes by e-mail: “It sure seems like my truck needs constant maintenance.....just yesterday I noticed a funny noise coming from the front of my truck. It sort of sounds like a soft “click-click-click as I slow down almost to a stop. It doesn't sound like the clicker on brake pads when they get really worn down. I only hear it when I slow way down, not at high speed. It is rhythmical as related to the speed of the tires. So, I am thinking it must be coming from a wheel or hub assembly. If it was much louder and I was turning a hard corner, I might think it was a CV joint but I just think that is it. Do you have any ideas or suggestions? I plan to take the front wheels off one at a time and look as I turn the wheel while it is off the ground”.*

**Halderman:** The clicking could be due to any of the following:

1. A loose wheel cover or hub cap
2. The disc brake pads (as you mentioned). Try braking hard one time and then see if it stops.
3. A stone in the tread of a tire or something like a nail in the tire
4. It could be the CV joint but I would definitely check out all of the simple (and low cost) items first.

**Wheels:** *How would a CV joint sound if it were defective?*

**Halderman:** If a constant velocity (CV) joint was worn or failing, it would likely make a clicking sound as you describe but more likely when accelerating and turning at the same time. Start your inspection with a thorough visual inspection and see if the CV joint boots (rubber) are torn or if you see evidence of leaking grease from the joint near the front wheels.

