

**Wheels:** Scott asks, “I need a new CV joint on my 1998 Ford Contour and want to know what would be a price range that I should expect to pay for this. Also, would you recommend anyone for this job?”

**Halderman:** A replacement axle shaft, which includes the two CV joints and boots can cost \$200-\$400 plus installation. Often, replacing the entire shaft assembly is less expensive than replacing just one CV joint. How do you know you need a replacement CV joint? If just the boot needs to be replaced the cost is much lower. Call around to shops and dealers to get an idea as to final cost. I do not recommend individual shops. If you have been told you need a new CV joint, you would be wise to ask for another opinion. A defective outer CV joint usually makes clicking sounds when turning.

