

Wheels: An e-mail from Mike says, “I am driving a 1990 Buick Regal. After I make a left hand turn, the car wants to pull to the left and wants to pull to the right after a right hand turn (although not so hard). I recently had new tires installed and the front end aligned. This helped, but the problem still exists. What is my next move?”

Halderman: This condition is called “memory steer” and is usually caused by a worn or defective strut bearing. On your vehicle the lower part of the front struts rotate when the wheels turn and if the bearing is bad, tends to apply a torque to the steering in the same direction as the last turn. Both strut bearings should be replaced. These are not included with replacement struts so be sure that you have the strut bearings replaced and not just the struts.

