

Wheels: Gary writes by e-mail: *Well each morning as I back out of my drive way when I hit the edge of the drive way and curb, I hear this squawky like sound which sounds like it is coming from the front shocks but I can't tell for sure. One thing is certain, the squawky noise happens precisely when the front tires drop off the driveway and hit the curb/street. I have never heard anything like this before so I wonder if I have shock problem.*

Halderman: I bet your noise is the rubber bushings of the front sway bar. The fix is to remove the bushing and use paste silicone on the bar and on the inside of the bushings. To verify where the noise is coming from have someone bounce the front of the truck up and down as you touch the bushings for the stabilizer bar at the frame. If this is the source of the noise, then you should feel a vibration as the truck moves up and down on the suspension. This is what a professional technician would do to help pin down the source of the noise. If this procedure does not find the source, call around to various shops to see if they have a tool to find noises such as the brand name unit called "Chassis Ears". This tool uses microphones that can be attached to parts underneath the vehicle and then the vehicle is driven by one technician while another technician uses a selector switch to listen to each microphone at a time until the location of the noise is determined. While this method takes time and will involve costs, it is an excellent tool to use to locate those annoying noises.

