

Wheels: An e-mail from Joe says, “The brakes on my 2002 Ford Focus were “squeaking” so I took it in and had them repaired. Almost \$400 later, they are still making a squeaking sound when applied. Is this normal or should I take the car back?”

Halderman: Stopping brake noise is tough sometimes. Noise is created when there is movement of the brake because sound is moving air and the moving air is created by moving parts. I suggest you ask the shop to try to eliminate the noise. Some items that will help include making sure that all metal-to-metal surfaces are clean and lubricated with silicone grease. The hardware should also be clean and/or replaced with new hardware when the brakes are replaced.

