

Wheels: An e-mail from Steve G. says, “My brother had his brakes done on his Explorer last year. He was told that since he hardly ever uses the emergency brake that it would have to be replaced also, since not using it was worse than actually using it. I just had my brakes done on my Explorer by a local technician last week. First, he showed me that even though I had 58,000+ miles on the car, the rotors were fine. He also said that since I never use my emergency brake, it didn’t need service at all. So, who is telling the truth about the emergency brake, the shop that gave my brother a total bill of \$850 or my ASE certified friend that showed me that I didn’t need anything but pads for the 4 wheels? I found the two answers on the emergency brake to be interesting. What are your thoughts?”

Halderman: The parking brake usually never wears out because even if used everyday, it simply keeps the vehicle stationary. Rust can be an issue and this may require additional time to remove, clean, and adjust. Brake work and cost can vary by hundreds of dollars depending on what is needed to restore the vehicle to like new braking performance, which should be the objective of any brake repair.

