

Wheels: An e-mail from Paul in West Milton asks, “I have a 1999 Olds 88. I put new brakes on the front. I used a C-clamp on the calipers to extract them. Now the ABS does not engage when applying the brakes. I was told that I should have opened the bleeder valve when I extracted the calipers. Is there a way to correct this or does the computer have to be reset?”

Halderman: The bleeder valve should be opened whenever the caliper piston is being pushed back into the caliper to help prevent dirty brake fluid from getting into the master cylinder and/or ABS hydraulic control unit. The antilock braking system should only function if braking heavily or during stops on slippery road surfaces. The ABS self test is performed whenever the vehicle is driven over 3 MPH to 5 MPH and will turn on the amber ABS warning lamp if this test indicates a malfunction. See a professional service technician if the ABS warning lamp is on or fails to work during braking with slippery road conditions.

