

Wheels: Delsie writes by e-mail, “In 2006, I parked my 2003 Impala at the airport for 2 weeks. On returning, all four brake rotors were badly rusted and out of round, which necessitated resurfacing all four rotors at a cost of \$150.00 at my dealer.

I now have a 2008 Honda LX which I plan to park at the airport in September. My dealer says it is possible it can happen again, though they can't be sure and maybe it won't. Is there any way to avoid this threat of a problem? Thank you.”

Halderman: No, there is nothing that can be done to prevent the rust, but it should not be a major problem. It is normal for all brake rotors to rust and this can happen overnight. The rust, even over a two-week period should not be too deep and should be removed during the first few stops. If the problem does not go away, try applying the brake pedal harder, making a faster stop to remove the rust. Some vehicles are more likely to have this problem than others, depending on the type of rotor and other factors.

