

Wheels: An e-mail from JJ says, “We have a 1998 Chevy Venture van with 70,000 miles. We have had the ABS brake system checked 4 separate times by 4 different mechanics due to the dash light intermittently appearing. The first time a sensor was replaced due to a recall. The second and third time nothing could be found. The fourth time (2 weeks ago) the van was diagnosed with a history code C1226, indicating a variation of the right front. All hubs were checked and found to be in working order. The brakes seem to be working fine. Do you have any other suggestions on how to eliminate the annoying dash light that stays on continuously?”

Halderman: I checked the service information regarding the code C1226 and it indicates that it can be caused by a bad wheel speed sensor or a fault in the wiring to the sensor. A simple resistance measurement can be made to see if the sensor is bad. Sometimes the wiring can be damaged by road debris. The wiring is part of the sensor, as well as the hub bearing, so the only fix may be the replacement of the entire hub bearing assembly.

