

Wheels: *Barbara J. writes by e-mail: "I have a 2001 Chevy Tracker. Recently, after having the rack and pinion replaced, the horn does not work and the airbag light is on continuously. I asked the repair shop that had done my work if they had done something or knew how to correct it, and they said they don't.*

I looked in the manual and it shows the air bag light and brake lights are on the same fuse. My brake lights are working fine and the fuse is good. Any ideas? Thank you."

Halderman: My first thought was that the steering wheel moved while the steering rack was replaced. If the steering wheel moved, the electrical cable that conducts current for the horn and the airbag could have been misadjusted causing both problems, I suggest that you return to the shop and ask them to check the "clock spring" that is under the steering wheel to be sure that it is not broken.

A clock spring can be damaged if the steering wheel was not locked in position when the steering rack assembly is removed. With the steering rack removed, the steering wheel is free to rotate and this could cause the coil of connecting wires to reach the end and then break.

