

Wheels: An e-mail from Jocelyn states that she heard that using cruise control while it is raining can cause your vehicle to lose control. Is this true?

Halderman: Yes. Most owner's manuals state that you should only use cruise control while traveling on straight open highway in good weather. The purpose of the cruise control system, also called speed control, is to maintain a constant vehicle speed by moving the accelerator linkage. The system is unable to detect a spinning drive wheel and would increase the throttle opening if the vehicle speed dropped, even if the drive wheels do not have proper traction with the road. This condition can cause a loss of vehicle control. Please read your owner's manual. It has material that even experienced service technicians do not know.

