

Wheels: Paul writes, "I have an on again, off again problem with the inside dome lights on my 1998 Chevy Astro van. They will come on at anytime and stay on for various lengths of time. One morning, the battery was completely drained from the dome lights coming on in the middle of the night. This happens even with the override button pushed in so they won't come on. I've removed each door jam switch and everything seems to look OK. This happened last summer for awhile, then over the winter it was OK. Now it has started again. I have to remove the fuse when the van sits overnight or during the day to keep from draining the battery in case the lights come on. What do you suggest?"

Halderman: I checked the archives of the International Automotive Technicians Network (www.iatn.net) and did not find any reference to your problem.

Some things that you can check yourself before sending it to a professional service technician include:

1. Check that headlight switch is rotated fully clockwise - the dome light is turned on when the knob is rotated counterclockwise.
2. If you have an aftermarket alarm system installed, you may want to consider that this could be the cause. Ask the installer to disable the system and see if this takes care of the problem.

