

Wheels: An e-mail from Peter says, “I have a 1991 Ford Explorer with the 4.0 and once a day it seems to lose all power (engine, lights, stereo). Sometimes it is only a momentary loss and once I had to turn the key and start it up again. What are the possible things that could cause this?”

Halderman: It sounds as if the vehicle is losing all electrical power if I read your letter correctly. I would suggest that you start the engine and then start wiggling wires, especially those at the battery and where they attach to the engine. If the engine starts to miss or cut out when you wiggle a particular wire, then continue to investigate until you find the cause. Look under or near the battery for corrosion that can damage wiring. A worn or defective ignition switch can also cause these symptoms. Check with a local Ford dealer to see if your vehicle was included in the recall for ignition switch replacement.

