

**Wheels:** An e-mail from Dave says, “I am hoping that you might be able to answer my question concerning my 1999 Chevrolet Malibu. My problem seems to be electrical. The car has daytime running lamps and as long as the key is on, they are on. There is no indicator light on the dash like I have seen in other vehicles. The tail lights are on also along with the daytime lamps. When you turn the headlight switch on, the headlights do get a little brighter. When I put the car in park, sometimes the daytime lamps go out and sometimes they don’t. If they do go out when the car is put in park, they seem to come right back on when I put the tilt steering wheel up. If I put the emergency brake on before I start the car, the daytime lamps will not come on until the brake is released. But they will not go out if they are on before I put the emergency brake on. One more clue, sometimes the windshield wipers will not turn off after I turn them on, even on the delay mode. They might run for a minute or two then stop. There have been times they will not stop until the key is turned off.”

**Halderman:** Some of the items you mentioned are normal operation of the DRLs. It is normal for the lights to not come on if the parking brake is applied and then the ignition is turned on. Simply applying the parking brake will not turn off the DRLs. This feature allows service technicians to work on the vehicle with the engine running without the DRLs. The rear lights should not be on when the DRLs are on unless the wiper switch is on. There may be a fault in the combination switch (headlight-wipers). This could also explain the wiper problem. A GM dealer should be able to help because it may still be under warranty.

