

Wheels: Ron writes, “I am having two problems with my wife’s 2003 Chevy Malibu that has approximately 43,000 miles on it. I have made certain to change the oil and filter every 5,000 miles with a 5W/30 oil and filter for her car. I made sure to rotate the tires every 5,000, front end alignment and all twice a year. In other words every thing the books says to do.

The first problem is on the AC controls. We will turn the AC on and within a few minutes it flips over to outside air. We have to hold the AC button for about 5 minutes before it stay in AC. Even doing this, it still flips back to outside air, and then back to AC. Only when the car has been on and driving for 20 minutes or longer will it stay on AC.

Halderman: This sounds as if the AC system is low on charge. Once the temperature increases, the pressure in the system increases enough for the low pressure switch to close, thereby allowing the compressor to work.

