

Wheels: Doug of Vandalia writes, “I purchased a new 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee which I still own. At 39,000 miles the A/C evaporator coil leaked and the dealer replaced it at no cost. At 55,000 miles the A/C evaporator coil leaked again, but this time I was told by the dealer that it was out of warranty. I discovered through some research that Chrysler had extended warranty coverage to 7 years/70,000 miles for leaking evaporator coils in a number of their vehicles, my Jeep included. I am now just past the 7 year time limit. How long should an A/C evaporator coil last in either years or miles? Would you recommend that I risk having another Chrysler coil put in or should I have an aftermarket coil put in by an independent garage?”

Halderman: Thanks for writing. Chrysler did change the aluminum alloy used to construct evaporators. Since this new “long life” alloy has been introduced about two years ago, evaporator problems are now very rare. I would recommend that the factory replacement using the new long life alloy be used as a replacement. I would also suggest you contact a local dealer regarding having the evaporator covered by the extended warranty. Good luck.

