Wheels: Herman writes, "I have a 1998 Ford Expedition, 5.4 liter engine and the check engine light came on a few months ago. When the truck is started and you let go of the key, it shuts down. If you keep giving it gas, it will stay running. Any suggestions?"

Halderman: Because the "check engine" light is on, this indicates that there is a stored trouble code. Some local parts stores will retrieve the codes for free. It is likely that this is a code for the idle air control, which can cause the engine to stall if the throttle is not depressed.

