

Wheels: A questions from Peter reads, “I have a friend that is having a pinging problem and I was wondering if (beside all the regular culprits such as timing, carbon deposits) a clogged catalytic converter could possible be a factor?”

Halderman: The most likely cause of a pinging problem is due to an inoperative exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) valve or clogged EGR ports. A clogged catalytic converter would reduce engine performance by keeping some exhaust gases from escaping during the exhaust stroke. These exhaust gases would help prevent, rather than cause, pinging. Therefore, the answer to your question is no, a clogged catalytic converter is not a possible cause of a pinging problem.

