

**Wheels:** An e-mail from Patrick says, “I have a 1998 Honda Passport which I’ve kept in good condition since purchase. The oil has been changed at 3000 mile intervals and routine maintenance performed regularly. Within the past few months, however, I start it up cold, it starts great. The trouble is when I go to restart it, it never starts the first time. The second try usually fires right up. Again, it is usually after warming up and always on the first try. Any help would be greatly appreciated.”

**Halderman:** I checked the [www.iatn.net](http://www.iatn.net) website to see if others had posted this problem and if so, what the fix was. There were two posted and one was fixed with a crankshaft position sensor (most likely problem in my opinion) and the other was fixed by replacing the ignition switch. I suggest you see if anything else electrical does not work when you try to start the engine when warm. If other electrical components do not work, then the ignition switch is a good possible cause of your problem. The crankshaft position sensor may be difficult to test because the engine starts the second time, so the fault is very short.

