Wheels: *Ron P. of Tipp City writes by e-mail: "After reading the article on the stalling Chevy in your column, I wanted to write to say I have a similar problem but, with a different car. We own a 1999 Chrysler 300 with a 3.5 liter engine and about 125 K miles. Like the gentleman with the Chevy my problem is ongoing for several years. The car will stall but, most of the time only for a second or two. Often, it's like a quick nose dive and then the car is fine. Sometimes the engine dies completely, but when this happens, it usually restarts first try. The engine light comes on but then over time goes back out. The car is still in very good shape in every other way but this issue makes the car undependable. As I said in the beginning, this problem has been ongoing for a few years. These are the repairs I've done or had done over time:*

- *Computer replaced,*
- *MAP sensor replaced,*
- *Crank sensor replaced,*
- *Coil replaced.*

I'm at a loss, please help."

Halderman: While I had some ideas, for very specific problems, I ask the experts. I asked Tom Freels, the program coordinator for the Chrysler Automotive Program (CAP) at Sinclair Community College for his help. Here is what he wrote:
"This is a tough one since the parts that he listed replaced are all ones that I would look for. That only leaves a few possibilities with wiring harness and electrical connector pin tension issues maybe. I have seen oil sending units push oil into the harness and contaminate the crank sensor plug making an intermittent stall condition. It would be most beneficial to know what code is coming up with the MIL light on. Hope this helps, I know that it is not definitive but gives a few more things to check."
Thanks Tom. I think it is time to take your vehicle to a professional technician who can check the wiring, especially the wiring that leads to the crankshaft position sensor. This wiring is right above the engine and is subject to heat from the engine which can burn the insulation. It takes a little vibration for the bare wire to touch something metal causing your problem.