

Wheels: An e-mail from Ben says that he has a friend with a 1993 Beretta GT with some problems. She has taken it in for service and there was nothing they felt they were able to do. I'm curious of your opinion. She says that occasionally the car will cut out on her at stoplights. Apparently, the oil pressure drops and the car shuts off. The technicians were unable to repeat this, so they were not able to do much. They did say that it may be "computer" related. Interestingly, she mentioned that she now hits the gas a little to "keep the oil pressure up" so that it won't die on her because the RPMs go pretty low. I think that her noticing the oil pressure drop is more a function of the RPMs going almost to zero. I assume this car is fuel injected, but I'm not sure of any obvious fixes. Any ideas?

Halderman: The Beretta has some very common problems – one is easy and cheap and the other costs more. The most likely cause of the low and unstable idle is a dirty throttle plate. This can be cleaned easily using carburetor (throttle body) cleaner. This should cost less than \$50. The 3.1 liter V-6 is also known to have faulty fuel injectors. If one or two are bad, I normally recommend that all six be replaced especially if she plans to keep the car. These injectors are normally about \$100 each plus labor to install. All of the injectors have been subjected to the same fuel and operating conditions so if only one or two are defective, it may just be a short time before another injector fails. For more information on fuel injection and replacement injectors see www.lindertech.com.

