

Wheels: Irene writes, “If my 1992 Probe needs the engine coolant temperature (ECT) sensor replaced, would it cause the car to run poorly? I recently started experiencing problems with the car spitting and sputtering when it gets warm. It won’t restart until it cools down. The car is a standard shift and when taking off or as I’m shifting to a higher gear is the only time I have problems with the sputtering.”

Halderman: The ECT sensor is not likely to cause your problem. The most likely cause is an ignition fault (plugs or wires, etc.). If a scan tool is used for diagnosis, compare the intake air temperature (IAT) reading with the ECT reading when the engine is cold. Both should read within 5 degrees of each other.

