

Wheels: Brenda has a 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier 5-speed equipped with a 2.0 liter four-cylinder engine. The vehicle will stop running when it gets hot. It may take several hours to be able to duplicate the problem. Do you have any ideas?

Halderman: This is a difficult problem to diagnose because it could take a long time to duplicate the problem. Service technicians do not want to guess as to the cause and start replacing parts. The best approach is to be able to check for proper fuel pressure and spark. This means that the service technician should be carrying test equipment or monitoring these systems as the vehicle is being driven. Because the problem seems to be heat related, I would think that the cause is electrical. A faulty ignition module is the most common cause of stalling when hot, but again, until the tests are performed, this would just be a guess. Remember the old saying “One test is worth 1,000 expert opinions.”

