

Wheels: A question from Michael says, “I have a 2000 Ford Explorer. When I start it on very cold mornings (usually 25 degrees or below), it idles very erratically and stalls unless I hold down the accelerator. It runs fine after a few minutes. Also, when I come to a complete stop as the engine idles down, the engine and exhaust vibrate for just a few seconds. This happens at every stop. I have replaced 2 oxygen sensors, had the fuel injectors cleaned, and have had the timing chain recall taken care of, but these have yet to resolve the problem. Any help on this matter would be very much appreciated.

Halderman: From your description, it sounds like a dirty throttle plate and/or IAC passages. The idle air control (IAC) unit may have to be removed to get access to the passages.

