

Wheels: George writes, “I drive a 2000 Camry with 70,000 miles on the odometer. It doesn't use a bit of oil, until now. Recently, the camshaft housing gasket and seal were replaced due to oil leaking on the driveway. Now it consumes a quart of oil every 200 miles, but no smoke is coming out of the tail pipe. Did my mechanic forget to replace something? Thanks.”

Halderman: It is possible that the technician pinched the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) hose during the repair. This would cause pressure to build in the crankcase and lead to excessive oil consumption. I suggest that you return to the shop that performed the work and ask them to check that everything is OK and explain that oil consumption increased after the repair.

