

Wheels: Wayne asks by e-mail, “I was reading a question and answer blog online about dirty fuel injectors. The person answering the question suggested adding 2 quarts of methanol to a tank of gas. Does this make any sense to try?”

Halderman: Thanks for asking because adding methanol to gasoline could cause many serious problems and not solve anything. Methanol, also called methyl alcohol or wood alcohol, is very corrosive and will likely damage fuel system components. The fuel system components, such as the electric fuel pump inside the fuel tank, metal and plastic fuel liners, and fuel injectors are not designed to withstand the chemical affects of methanol. There are two types of alcohol, ethanol currently being used as a gasoline additive and methanol.

Instead of using some additives, most experts and a few vehicle manufacturers, such as DaimlerChrysler and BMW recommend the use of Techron twice a year to keep the fuel system and fuel injectors clean.

