

Wheels: An email from C.R. asks, “Could you please advise me concerning putting an additive in your gas tank that would clean the fuel injectors? Is this safe and effective? As there are many on the market, which one would you recommend? I don’t want to put one in that might hurt the engine or is worthless. Would it be best to have the dealership do this? I’m trying to save a little money by doing it myself, but do not want to make matters worse.”

Halderman: Good question. The only additive that I know of that is recommended by the vehicle manufacturers is Techron. I add a bottle of Techron to the fuel tank on each of my vehicles twice a year. This additive is a dispersant, which means that it prevents carbon particles from adhering to each other, and therefore, prevents deposit buildup. Used regularly, it has proven to be very effective and will not harm fuel system components.

However, if your vehicle is older, a fuel system cleaning by a professional may be needed. After a professional cleaning, the regular use of Techron will keep the fuel system clean.

