

**Wheels:** A recent e-mail says, “The last two times I have taken my 4-cylinder 1998 Toyota Tacoma 2 x 4 with 51,000 miles on it to the local dealer, he has recommended a “fuel injection clean” which runs around \$80. Most of my driving is short distance, around town and very little heavy hauling. Is this necessary?”

**Halderman:** Cleaning injectors is often necessary to correct a driveability problem such as rough idle, stalling or poor performance. The \$80 charge is reasonable for this service and is what is typically charged by shops and dealers. I recommend the use of Techron twice a year to help keep the fuel system clean. Techron is the only additive approved and recommended by vehicle manufacturers and this is why I use this product. I know there are many other fuel system cleaners on the market and many are less expensive, but again, I recommend the use of a product that has the blessing of auto manufacturers. The dealer cleaning is stronger and will clean faster than Techron. If you have driveability problems, you may wish to consider having the fuel system cleaned professionally first and then add Techron every six months to keep it clean.

