

Wheels: Mary Lou from Michigan writes, “I have a 1988 Cadillac Deville. It has throttle body injection and there is something that is causing them to shut off completely. You can start the car and it will run a short distance and then will shut off completely. When you try and start it, the car will start but then the injectors will shut off and the car will quit. Do you have any suggestions?”

Halderman: There are a number of possible reasons why the engine could stall, but the first one I thought of was that one or both of the injectors is electrically shorted. When this happens, the computer will stop triggering the injectors because the excessive current flow would damage the computer. Each injector should measure about 2 ohms. Other possible causes include a defective fuel pump or a defective ignition module. A spark tester can be used to check for proper spark and there are many tests that a service technician can perform to test the fuel pump.

