

**Wheels:** An e-mail from Earl says that he has a 1992 Ford Tempo with 23,000 miles on it that has had two fuel pumps in the last year. It is hard to start hot or cold. Earl has taken it to two technicians and one ran a computer check that showed nothing. The technician put a sensor on it but it did not help. The car vibrates and dies out sometimes and no service engine light comes on. The car has every thing original on it. Any ideas?

**Halderman:** I would suggest that a maintenance tune up be performed because you stated that everything is original and the car is 9 years old. After the tune up, have it diagnosed by a trained service technician to determine the root cause of your problem. There are hundreds of possible faults and I am sure you do not want to replace parts until the cause is determined. It could be as simple as a poor electrical connection or stale gasoline.

