Wheels: Terry writes, "I own a 2000 Chrysler Town and Country. The Owner's manual and the transmission dipstick call for ATF 4 fluid in the transmission. I cannot find this anywhere except the dealer for about \$8 to \$9 a quart. What is the difference between ATF 3 and ATF 4? Could I possibly use ATF 3 instead of ATF 4? Thanks for your time."

Halderman: You should use only AFT +4 known as #9602 because it is now the fluid specified for use in your vehicle. Substituting another type of fluid could affect the shift feel as well as the life of your transmission. Do not substitute. Always use the recommended fluid. Call around to see if you can locate it in any parts store. If not, I suggest you get from your dealer. Even though the price sounds high, it is still less expensive than a new transmission.

