

Wheels: From Jake via e-mail, “I have a Dodge Caravan that I put ten dollars of gas in the tank and my fuel gauge needle floats to empty, and the engine dies. Can you tell me what is happening?”

Halderman: Let me try to understand your concern. I assume that when you put gas in the tank that the fuel gauge dropped to empty and the engine stalled. Right? The fuel gauge and the fuel pump are both inside the fuel tank. An electrical connector could be corroded and this could stop the fuel pump from working and also the fuel gauge. Check that all of the electrical connections at the fuel tank and nearby wiring are okay. If so, then a professional should look at it to determine the cause as it could be something simple, but it could also be due to bad fuel pump/fuel gauge assembly, which is not cheap.

