

Wheels: *C.R. R writes by e-mail: "Once in a while the horn will sound on my 1997 Lincoln Continental. I took it to a local shop and they were not able to duplicate the problem so they were not able to diagnosis the fault. I wrote to you about this same problem about two years ago and at the time, your Ford expert suggested that it could be water intrusion getting into the outside keyless entry keypad. I didn't do anything then as the problem seemed to go away. Unfortunately, it has come back so I went to my mechanic to replace the keypad. Guess what? Ford doesn't make this part anymore and he couldn't locate one. Please ask your expert, if I could have the keypad disconnected without causing other problems. My mechanic was fearful disconnecting it would make the interior lock/unlock system to malfunction".*

Halderman: I asked Dan Avery from the Michigan Institute of Technology about your concern and he wrote back:

"Disconnecting the keypad on this model won't affect the door lock operation."

If that does not solve your problem, then I think there could be a bare wire in the steering column that could intermittently touch metal and therefore actuate the horn. Finding and fixing a fault in the steering column may involve a higher expense than you are willing to pay. If the sounding of the horn is a major concern, maybe disconnecting one of the two horns will keep reduce the affect and sound of the random horn operation.

