

Wheels: Damon in Florida writes by e-mail, “I have a 1998 Ford F150 pickup truck that I seldom drive and is in excellent condition except that the check engine light is on. A friend checked out the truck by plugging a scan tool into the connector under the dash. The code that was retrieved was P0101. Any ideas as what can cause this code. Thanks.”

Halderman: The diagnostic trouble code (DTC) indicates a problem with the mass air flow (MAF) sensor or air intake system. Ask a service technician to check for faults in the air intake system, such as a torn inlet hose or clogged air filter. If everything checks out, the most likely cause is a defective MAF sensor. It can be checked by using a digital meter or scan tool. If the MAF sensor is found to be defective, it usually requires replacement.

