

**Wheels:** Denise of Middletown writes, “I own a 2000 Toyota Avalon with 37,000 miles on it. I have had to replace 2 of the fuel injectors in the last two years - the first one in 2003 and the second one just a few months ago. I use premium fuel, but I do a lot of short trips daily (within a 1-2 mile range). I am still getting bad gas mileage – approximately 10-12 mpg in town. Is there anything I can do to get better gas mileage and not have to replace the remaining fuel injectors?”

**Halderman:** As you know, short trip driving is hard on any engine, and because it never reaches operating temperature, the vehicle is not capable of performing efficiently. I think a good fuel and induction cleaning may help the situation. I have recommended the use of Techron for years because this is also recommended by some vehicle manufacturers. I suggest you contact a local shop or dealer and ask if they perform fuel injection cleaning service. A professional cleaning can cost \$100 or more. After the cleaning, use Techron in the gasoline every six months to help keep the system clean.

