

# UNDER THE HOOD

## WITH THE MOTOR MEDICS

Dear Motor Medics,

I have a 2004 Chevy Tahoe that has a speedometer problem. Sometimes when I drive the speedometer is running very fast as compared to the speed I am actually going. I am sure of this because it will read 100 mph or more when I am in city traffic and I know we all can't possibly be traveling that fast. I have heard other people talk about this on your show but don't remember the cause. My vehicle is out of warranty and I would like advice on what it may be so that I can be better prepared when I take it in. I love your show, my husband and I have been listening for more than 10 years now, keep up the great work!

Sharon W Brandon,SD

Thanks Sharon! You are not alone in your speedometer problem. There has been a problem with this model speedometer appearing over the last two years or so. The repair requires rebuilding or replacing with a

new part and may be covered by GM even though it is out of warranty. Of course you will need to call them, give them your vehicle identification number that is located at the drivers side base of the windshield, and then with any luck it may still be covered.

Thank you very much for listening for all these years. Take care, Russ...

Dear Motor Medics,

I listen to your show on Sundays in Sioux Falls. I recently heard you talk about remote starters and wondered if you can put one on any vehicle? I have a 2000 Honda Accord but it has a manual transmission. Can they be installed on a manual trans car? Thanks in advance for the advice, I love to listen to the show it always makes me laugh as well as helping me learn more about cars.

Don A Baltic,SD.

Thank you for listening Don. We have many questions about remote starters this

time of year. You can install a remote starter on any vehicle that has fuel injection regardless of the transmission type. With an automatic transmission there are no special tricks, just press the button and wait for it to start. When you have a manual transmission there is another step you must follow with most units. Usually you will need to set a reservation mode by using the parking brake and the vehicle must be setting still with the engine running and the clutch pedal not depressed in order for it to start with the remote. This is done to prevent it from taking off when it is started and also by doing this you are reminding yourself that you will be starting it by remote and need to prepare the car for that. You can have a starter installed at many great shops in Sioux Falls that will last for many years of cold winters.

Thank you for listening to the show Don. Take care, Russ...

*Advice given by the Motor Medics is for use as a guide to repair. Always check with your favorite repair shop for verification. The motor medics have been operating a repair shop and answering questions on the air for 19 years. Russ is an ASE Master Certified Technician with extensive dealer and aftermarket training. Shannon is an ASE Certified Parts Specialist with more than 30 years in the automotive world. You can ask a question of The Motor Medics by going to [help@underthehoodshow.com](mailto:help@underthehoodshow.com) we will answer your question on line and you may see it appear in this publication. The Under The Hood Show can be heard each week on local stations with coverage reaching 7 states and on [www.underthehoodshow.com](http://www.underthehoodshow.com). Go to [Underthehoodshow.com](http://Underthehoodshow.com) to find one near you.*



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