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## TECH TOPICS

set rate, so in NEUTRAL there is a small amount of fuel saved. I don't know how long it would take to save a gallon of fuel but, at today's prices, every little bit helps.

As far as a standard transmission, when I had one I would put the vehicle in NEUTRAL while I waited for a light so I wouldn't have to keep my foot on the clutch pedal. The left foot many times got tired if I would not give it some rest in stop-and-go traffic.

This whole story reminds me of a cartoon I once saw of a man in a car salesroom. He said, "I'm supposed to get more exercise. I want a car with a standard transmission and no power assists."

**ERNIE EULERT**  
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**Bob:** Yep, Ernie, I now know two people who put the automatic transmission in NEUTRAL while stopped at a light. Thanks for the exercise tip.

### Good OPD Question

I have a slightly different question about the OPD valves on our propane tanks. By regulation and law, propane tanks cannot be filled in the United States if they do not have an OPD valve fitted. After refitting our tanks a few years ago and traveling through some of the northern and southwestern states and refilling the tanks a number of times, I have yet to see anyone fill the tanks using the OPD valve to control the fill quantity. They still all use the bleed valve. When I ask why they don't rely on the valve I'm told that, "the valve is a mechanical device that can fail. The only sure way to know when the tank is at the proper fill level is by using the bleed valve."

If the valves aren't going to be used for what they were designed, why did we go through the expense of the changeover?

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## TIP OF THE MONTH

### Better Conductivity

**W**e live in a world where most things seem to be connected by cables and batteries. We take for granted that plugs will mate with receptacles and batteries will make good contact. But in the real world, corrosion and oxidation limit conductivity. When that happens, anything powered by electricity operates inefficiently. That's where Caig's DeoxIT Power Booster comes in.

Formulated to clean and lubricate connections and contacts, DeoxIT almost instantly dissolves contamination that leads to oxidation and connection failures. It can be used on cameras, computers, bulbs and sockets — just about anything that has a battery or plug. I took a cue from the sales pitch praising the improvement in flashlight-bulb brightness and rounded up three old Mag-Lites with batteries in various stages of life. I removed the bulbs and cleaned the wire contacts with a DeoxIT pen, removed the batteries and cleaned the tops, bottoms and contacts in both ends of the flashlights. In all, the bulbs were much brighter.

DeoxIT comes in a number of configurations: The aerosol can (\$11.95 or \$17.95 for the nonflammable version) works best for trailer/dinghy plugs and receptacles; a compact pen applicator (\$15.95) treats small batteries and similar contacts; and for precise work, a squeeze bottle with needle applicator (\$20.95).

There are a number of areas where DeoxIT can help RV owners: cleaning the contacts in tail/brake-light assemblies and clearance lights; cleaning out corroded terminals in electrical cable plugs and receptacles; battery terminals and any other connection exposed to the elements. This stuff really works and fits nicely in any toolbox.

Available at RadioShack or [www.caig.com](http://www.caig.com).

