



Car Talk

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Leaking?

Coolant leaking from the radiator may be due to anti-freeze that has not been changed according to the recommended schedule and has become corrosive. Otherwise, it may be that normal shaking and vibration has led to an eventual separation between parts connected by solder, epoxy, or mechanical crimps.

In addition, thermal forces arising from extremes in engine temperatures may have caused cracks in stressed areas. Regardless of the cause, a radiator leak must be checked as soon as possible because loss of coolant can spell disaster for the engine.

Remedies can range from clamp tightening or hose replacement to radiator replacement. So, don't assume the worst until you have had the problem checked.

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