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**30 Common 4L60E Transmission Problems & Repair | Charlotte NC**

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**What is a 4L60E Transmission?**

The 4L60-E is an automatic shift, four-speed overdrive, longitudinally positioned transmission. It has been considered to be the best rendition of the finest overdrive automatic transmission ever produced. The 4L60-E is found in nearly every GM rear-wheel-drive application, including the C/K Truck, Sonoma, Jimmy, Tahoe, Yukon, Astro, Safari, Suburban, Bravada, Firebird, Camaro and Corvette

Before the Late 4L60-E transmission, there was the Turbo 700R, which was introduced in 1982. The 4L60-E is GM's successful



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continuation of the ever-improving 700R4 (aka "4L60" since 1990), introduced in 1982. The 4L60-E is the "E"lectronically shift controlled version of the 4L60. The Late 4L60-E was released in 1997 in and fully phased into wide use through GM by 1998 in both RWD car platforms (including the C6 Corvette) and trucks in both 2wd and 4wd configurations. (Most transmission models are not distinctively noted with the "E" since all GM transmissions are now also controlled electronically.)

The 4L60E Transmission has went through many changes/improvements over the years since it first came out in 1982. From bells to valve bodies, added solenoids, changes in pump and convertors. The 4L60E transmission weighs 146 pounds dry, and 162 wet. It requires 8.4 quarts (9.64" torque converter) or 11.4 quarts (11.81" torque converter) of transmission fluid,



### Top 30 Common 4L60E Transmission Problems and Repair

Below is a list of common transmission problems with the GM 4L60E Transmission and possible solutions to repair. Although you may have some of these symptoms / problems with your 4L60E Transmission, the repair solution may differ. This list is merely a guide to the possible solutions. For a complete diagnosis on your GM 4L60E Transmission problem, contact us for a Free Diagnostic.

- 1. Slow, slipping or no reverse:** "lo-reverse" clutches are worn out, fluid leak in the reverse apply circuit, or broken sunshell. It is possible to remedy a fluid problem by removing the checkball from its cage in the case in the rear of the transmission may help (must remove valve body), or adding a high-viscosity additive or other seal restorer product. May also have worn boost valve (can replace in the pan).
- 2. 1-2 shift does not happen at WOT (Wide Open Throttle) until you let off the gas:** Best case: try replacing the TPS. Middle case: leak in the 2nd gear apply circuit (servo assembly or 1-2 accumulator). Double check by using the pressure gauge and watch for a big drop when the PCM commands 2nd gear. Worst case: poor line pressure rise (see below).
- 3. 1-2 Shift shudder at WOT (Wide Open Throttle); delayed or abnormal 1-2 shift; There's a problem ONLY on the 1-2 shift:** 1-2 accumulator piston cracked or stuck cocked in the bore. Check the yellow spring inside the accum housing for breakage. Also, if the accumulator housing walls are scored, the housing must be replaced.
- 4. 1-2 shift is delayed and harsh, may not shift into OD:** TPS needs to be checked for smooth and linear electrical response over the entire range of motion. If not, this must be replaced.
- 5. Trans does not upshift out of first, speedometer reads zero at all times:** Could be VSS failure. Rear of transmission needs to be fixed. Transmission needs to come out in order to access VSS.
- 6. No 3rd or 4th gear: "3-4" clutches are worn out:** Needs to be removed and rebuilt. The car is safe to drive (in 2) until you can get it fixed.
- 7. Sudden grinding noise with no prior warning primarily in 2nd gear, behavior in reverse may be abnormal:** sunshell is fractured. Must be removed and rebuilt. Try not to run or drive the car or further damage could result.

- 8. 1st and 3rd only, no 2,4 or R:** Sunshell is fractured or splines are sheared off. Transmission must be removed and rebuilt. Try not to run or drive the car or further damage could result.
- 9. No 2nd or 4th gear. 2-4 band is slipping:** Servo seals may be damaged. Otherwise, 2-4 band is worn out. Transmission must be removed and rebuilt.
- 10. Trans shifts into gear harshly, car feels sluggish off the line, No 1st, 4th or TCC lockup available, Manual 2nd, 3rd and Reverse are only available gears, CEL is on:** transmission is either in limp-home mode or has lost electrical power. If there are lots of error codes in the PCM, check the underhood fuse that powers the transmission, and if it pops again, look for a short in that circuit like an O2 sensor harness touching exhaust. Otherwise, check PCM codes for a particular fault in the transmission causing the PCM to put it in limp-home mode.
- 11. No 1st or 4th available; trans shifts 2nd to 3rd by itself in D or OD and locks the converter:** ShiftA solenoid failed Or a wiring problem from PCM to trans or PCM. Needs diagnostic testing.
- 12. Car goes into gear but feels very sluggish like the brakes are dragging, but it will roll easily (starts out in 4th gear), you manually shift to 2 to get it moving, once it's moving you put it back in OD and the car shifts 3rd to 4th on its own and locks the converter at the appropriate time:** ShiftB solenoid failed: A wiring problem from PCM to transmission or PCM.
- 13. No TCC (Torque Converter Clutch) lockup:** Brake pedal switches improperly adjusted (always on), TCC solenoid failed, TCC clutch worn out (must remove transmission and replace TC).
- 14. TCC (Torque Converter Clutch) always locked:** TCC apply solenoid circuit shorted to ground, TCC solenoid blockage, or TC broken (must remove trans and replace TC).
- 15. Horrible noise in 4th and feels like the brakes are on:** overrun clutches are applying due to a cracked or leaking forward piston. Overrun clutches will be worn out after 30 seconds of this behavior. Car can be safely driven in D. Transmission must be removed and rebuilt.
- 16. Soft shifting, gradual performance degradation:** Poor line pressure rise due to leaking boost valve, clogged EPC filter screen, failing EPC solenoid, or worst case: leaky seals throughout. Seal restorer may fix last problem, but probably remove and rebuild needed.
- 17. No forward movement in OD or D, but L2, L1 and R work:** Forward sprag is broken. Transmission must be removed and rebuilt. Try not to run or drive the car or further damage could result.
- 18. Extremely harsh shifts from P or N, normal shifts at WOT:** EPC (Electronic Pressure Control) solenoid failed. Fix as soon as possible or hard parts will eventually break.
- 19. Loud bang, grinding sound, loss of all gears, and a binding driveshaft:** Snapped output shaft. Try to wiggle driveshaft - if more than 0.020" play, that's the sign. Must be removed and transmission rebuilt.
- 20. Trans seems noisy when moving in 1st and Reverse, noise goes away instantly if you shift to N or the transmission goes into 3rd gear:** Reaction planetary is worn out due to high miles or insufficient lubrication. Not a critical failure, but not a good sign either. Transmission must be removed and rebuilt, sooner rather than later.

**21. No movement in any gear:** pump failure, or total loss of fluid. Remove transmission and rebuild, or refill pan and find the leak. If out of fluid, avoid running the engine until the transmission is refilled to avoid pump damage. To check for pump failure, check fluid level with the engine off, then start the engine and recheck fluid level. If level does not go down when engine is running, the pump is broken.

**22. Transmission does not shift automatically, only manually.** New PCM, check wiring, check other sensors such as VSS and TPS.

**23. 3rd gear starts, can manually shift through all gears. When car has been turned off for a bit, then back on it will run normally.:** VSS dropoff w/ Hi-stall converter. The rpms are too high, but VSS is showing no movement. Happens after a tire burning take-off. Doesn't store a code, will not throw a CEL (I've heard that it will store a code if it happens 3 or more times). Cure: Reprogram PCM for VSS dropoff.

**24. Fluid leak out of the front of trans where the converter connects; partial or full loss of movement:** Front pump bushing walked out. Transmission must be removed and rebuilt. May have to replace converter also if hub is scored. Note that a leaking front seal usually means the bushing is walking out.

**25. Torque converter shudder in 4th while lockup is engaged; problem goes away when the brake pedal is pressed slightly to unlock converter:** Need to verify line pressure, and provided no valves in the TCC (Torque Converter Clutch) hydraulic circuit are worn, replace the torque converter.

**26. Shift suddenly become very hard. When going from park to either reverse or drive it slams into gear. 1-2 and 2-3 shifts are also harsh. All gears seems to work. Problem may be intermittent:** Check TPS for smooth electrical response. If the response is jumpy or erratic at all, replace TPS (*Throttle position sensor*).

**27. All fluid pumped out through the vent tube:** Plugged cooler line. Flush the transmission cooler and cooler lines. Also could be overfilled transmission.

**28. Car acts like it's in OD in neutral, car is locked stationary in R, engine feels loaded in P, all four forward positions work fine:** Transmission must be removed and rebuilt. Internal crossleak feeding the forward clutches all the time. Most likely a cracked input housing, or cracked forward piston means forward clutches are fused together. Car can safely be driven gently in forward gears until the repair.

**29. Needle bearings in the pan, first gear and/or reverse may be noisy:** Either a torrington bearing or a planetary bearing is on its way out. Transmission will eventually die a loud, catastrophic death. Cheaper to rebuild now (saves further damage to hard parts), but requires removal and rebuild. It is drivable until it breaks.

**30. 1-2 or 2-3 shift is slow/soft above part throttle:** Transmission is on its way out. Transmission must be removed and rebuilt.

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**The above top 30 common problems with the 4L60E Transmission and possible solutions for repair are merely a**

guide. Although you may have a similar problem as those listed above, the repair may differ based upon a visual inspection of the vehicle. Transmission problems only worsen with time. If you have any problems with your GM 4L60E Transmission, it is best to speak with a professional transmission repair expert. Still looking for answers? We highly recommend the Ultimate 4L60e Guide at <http://www.4L60eguide.com> - The guide showcases potential solutions for repair and rebuild.

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## John Lunetta

8/23/2011, 5:43:33 AM

On 4L60E on Astro Van what is and were is the TPS you mention in common problems?

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## Brent Aldridge

9/2/2011, 5:48:21 PM

just drove down to the beach pulling a small john boat. Lost 3rd and 4th gear and once it shifted into 3rd she went into neutral. After consulting with a great transmission mechanic he called out number 6 in the top 30(above). we dropped the pan and it was full of clutch debris. I am having to install a rebuilt transmission and i only have 120K mileage.Drop the pan first and look at the vitals. hope this helps.

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## gerald dodd

9/4/2011, 11:45:03 AM

replaced transmission and torque converter on a 2005 gmc 3500 tried to start but it would not crank so we loosened transmission housing bolts. it started but makes a loud grinding noise in front near flywheel or torque converter. any coments appreciated

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## Jennifer

9/5/2011, 8:06:17 PM

Simple question... Can a transmission run in the either direction? Can the torque converter run in either direction?

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## eric im cottonwood

9/9/2011, 10:29:47 AM

want to know if 4l60 out of firebird will work without controller module or is adapter kit available

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## Gary Morgan

9/21/2011, 7:25:01 AM

I have a 1993 G20/Mark III Chevy Conversion Van. Has a rebuilt engine and tranny with about 15K on the rebuild. It sat for months with a for sale sign before I bought it. Drives great around town but if I take it on the highway for over an hour when I pull off and drive in traffic it will not shift out of 2nd gear. Also using the cruise it will never go into passing gear going up a gradual grade. It will decelerate to 35mph and pedal to the floor without hitting passing gear. Park it for an hour or so and she's fine. Can't correlate the issue with anything other than highway driving using the cruise and passing gear. Any advice is appreciated

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### **kevin hoffmanBUT**

9/27/2011, 6:02:44 PM

I HAVE A 94 1500 AND THE TRANSMISSION SHIFTS GOOD INTO 1ST AND 2ND BUT WHEN IT GOES TO GO INTO DRIVE THE ENGINE REVESE UP AND WONT SHIFT INTO GEAR DOES THE TRANS NEED REBUILT

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### **Lyndle Gregory**

9/27/2011, 6:14:03 PM

My 93 silverado with a 350 will not shift into 3rd or 4th. What other years are compatible to the 93

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### **Gregory Yount**

9/28/2011, 10:49:55 AM

Hey i have a 2000 sierra. I had the tranny rebuilt about 2,000miles ago and today i was driving and lost all gears. fluids are full and nice looking, no smell, but if its in park it wont roll but if it is in anything else i can push it around with ease like its in neutral. was thinking maybe electrical problem. anyone help me? need a direction to start to get it fixed

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### **Carl**

10/9/2011, 7:22:29 AM

2000/Z71 w/ 4L60E - 90% of the time everything is fine, 10% of the time after 20 to 30 min of driving 1st to 2nd shift is very hard and 2nd to 3rd is slightly hard but 3rd to 4th is normal. Once truck cools off everthing is normal. Replaced Shift Solenoid and now no 3rd and drive gears. Any suggestions

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### **Suthrn**

10/10/2011, 9:39:01 PM

i have a 97 chevy burban and its been a great truck. i need someone to be honest with me, im a single mom of 4 and no money to blow on guessing games or the shady mechanics out there. i was driving my truck and slowed going up an onramp to the highway, there was a clunk then nothing. i lost all forward gears and now only have reverse. ive dropped the tranny pan and found a small amount of shavings and a few larger pieces and a few cylinder looking bearings. I was told i might just be able to replace the solenoids and filter. but others said i might as well scrap my truck. PLEASE! any help is welcome!

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**bfondren**

10/16/2011, 1:30:49 PM

best I can tell, I have 4L60E trans. After being stored for a bout six months trans will not shift into third or fourth gear. Worked fine before storage. No slipping or harsh shifts.

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**Kurt**

10/18/2011, 4:39:02 PM

I have a 93 1500 with 122K. Just replaced the u joints a week ago and started hearing squeeking sound when in drive but not in reverse. Next day started in reverse also and got really loud. My rear seal has a small leak and I thought that it what was causing the problem but now am not sure. I am afraid it might be something internal but dont know. Need help, this is my only ride.

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**Dennis**

10/19/2011, 5:50:43 PM

I have a 1998 jimmy with a fresh rebuilt 4l60e. The problem I am having is it seem like the brakes are on all the time and when you really step on the throttle it starts to backfire and seems like it does not want to shift but once your are up to speed it seems fine but then the rpms start to surge up and down about 200rpm after 60km/h

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**reginald**

10/19/2011, 10:58:16 PM

1993 gmc surburban shift hard going to second gear, after that shift fine in rest of the gears

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**Billy**

10/24/2011, 2:42:10 AM

I have a 2005 chevy 1500 4x4, my truck will not hit second gear, it shifts directly into 3rd after I have enough speed out of 1st gear and let off the throttle. It then feels like it goes into second gear and directly lto 3rd. Manual shifting won't work it just slips in second! But when the tranny is cold in the mornings it shifts a little better, gets wits the longer I drive it... Any help would be appreciated thank you

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**kevin**

10/24/2011, 4:16:35 PM

i have a 96 gmc sonoma and it doing as it was descibed on the website my question is do u know where the PCM is on my truck?(12. Car goes into gear but feels very sluggish like the brakes are dragging, but it will roll easily (starts out in 4th gear), you manually shift to 2 to get it moving, once it's moving you put it back in OD and the car shifts 3rd to 4th on its own and locks the converter at the appropriate time: ShiftB solenoid failed: A wiring problem from PCM to transmission or PCM.

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**jeff andrew**

10/26/2011, 10:01:19 AM

I have a 93 S-10 blazer 4.3 with  
4x4 4l60e. everything works fine  
until it warms up then i loose 3rd

gear. feels like its shifing into neutral. is that the 3/4 clutch pack burnt up? the band? or ive been told its the reaction shell. i was just hoping you could point me in the right direction. thanks, jeff

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**Chris Moore**

10/27/2011, 4:15:45 PM

I have a 2004 Tahoe Z71 5.3 flex fuel. Last night the Tahoe shifted in to neutral and just stopped pulling, It also made a ticking sound when we tried to put in park it went but would roll like it was in neutral. Towed it home shifted in 4WD pulled forward and shifted fine. Came out two hours later and it was doing fine in 2WD like nothing was wrong... Any Ideas?

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**Travis Day**

10/27/2011, 9:20:12 PM

is it possible to hook the second gear band up through the servo, if so how ?

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**Travis Day**

10/27/2011, 9:32:15 PM

this is for the previous comment, I have a 93 silverado, I bought the truck, and the last owner said all i would have to do is take the servo out and pull the second gear band back down, well i have the servo off, and i dont see what he is talking about, stuck without a truck. no slipping just no 2nd or 4th gear

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**JOSIAH HUNT**

10/29/2011, 12:31:57 PM

I have a 2001 GMC YukonXL with a 5.3 liter VORTEC. It is the 4L60E had it rebuilt in 2010 by a useless mechanic. He wound up rebuilding the trans 3 diffrent times, because he wasn't doing something right. I towed it to a very reputable mechanic (DSU PETERBUILT(GM SMALL TRUCK SERVICES). They ran every test possible, and sed it wasnt toe ecm or anything else. The guy rebuilt it again, but there is a "surge" around 45-50 mph, and it "surges" between 1200-1400 rpm's. The trans is acting like it is trying to downshift. Or go into a higher gear when it doesn't need to. I am going to put a second trans in this vehical because i love it so much. I would really like to put a tougher beefier trans in it but i can't get a strait answer on what will work. I would love to replace the 4L60 with a 4L80E, or something way tougher. The (5.3liter(325 c.i.d.) has more than enough power to properly run the 4L80. Ijust need to know what i have to



change up "electronically" for it to work. or if i can just plug and go. I would really appreciate a prompt answer on these queries. Thank you so very much for your time and attention. Mechanically Confused, JOSIAH HUNT

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**juan**

10/29/2011, 7:53:39 PM

hi i have a 2000 silverado z71 4x4 the transmission was shifting normal and i did a flush on the trasmission and now it feels really heavy no power and i dont get 4 gear and 1 gear is really weak only 2 and 3 gear are woking fine and i dont have and idea what,s wrong with it i only change the fluid,if so one know what what wrong it let me know and thank you for your time

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**Anthony Welch**

11/1/2011, 7:57:18 AM

I have a 1995 corvette with the 4l60e and i have the problem of it doesnt want to shift from first to second at wot but its been awhile and its not gotten worse than it did when it started happening. Just wanted to know if you think it is the tps or could it still be those other problems that you listed?

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**[claudio1200](#)**

11/3/2011, 1:16:29 PM

problema con trans.4l60e  
solo entra primera, segunda, y reversa su ayuda por favor

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**N Nadeau**

11/6/2011, 5:55:26 PM

1995 z28 camaro don't shift in 3rd while WOT; Shift 3rd when releasing gas... Knuckle when shifting from P to D or OD.

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**kenneth**

11/12/2011, 7:01:19 PM

i have a 2004 tahoel the transmission doesnt want to shift into drive

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**Joe**

11/13/2011, 9:19:24 AM

1990 chevy blazer fullsize 4x4 wont shift outa first but good in reverse any ideas

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**mike steinberg**

11/15/2011, 7:28:24 AM

have 99 suburban 4x4 4l60e transmission that just lost all gears driving down the freeway. turned off motor and waited a minute and started truck up and shifted into gear and vehicle started to move and then every drops out again. seems like this will repeat itself. there was little to no warning of any transmission problem. the check engine light or flash code indicator never appeared to come on. i put tranny in myself 50,000 miles ago and it ran strong right til this happen last night. had to tow truck home and just going to look into problem now. there was a post with a 3 month old rebuild that had the identical problem. looking for the same solution.

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**Joe King**

11/18/2011, 12:17:06 PM

I have a 99 Tahoe that shifts hard into reverse or 1st from park and is very slow when accelerating from a stop when the vehicle is cold. Once the vehicle is warmed up, the trans seems fine and none of the symptoms above exist.

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**Bernest Jones**

11/18/2011, 9:21:09 PM

I have a 2006 1500 Silverado 5.3 engine, 167,000 miles 4L60E transmission.

The transmissission shift from 1 to 3 and will not shift from 2 to 4. I scanned for codes and found A Solenoid code. I replaced the A & B Solenoids and changed filter and fluid ( fluid, filter& pan was clean) and cleared code. Tested and still have the same problem, but all codes are clear.

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**monty**

11/27/2011, 4:32:53 PM

i have a 2000 chevy silverado z71 had recent trans overhaul planetary gears sun shell all new now it will not shift into 2nd it goes strait to 3rd the truck felt sluggish for a few days before this happened any suggestions thanks monty

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**[Philip Pugeau](#)**

11/27/2011, 9:16:47 PM

High performance rebuild 4L60E, all the goodies installed. Sticks in 2-3 shift when hard shifting 1-2. Works fine with soft shift 1-2. Reprogrammed trans to shift at 5500, rev limiter at 6500 to try to alleviate. Behaves when light load 1-2, hits rev limit then shifts when hard load 1-2. Doesn't throw codes. Any ideas?

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**shawn**

11/29/2011, 8:00:52 PM

i have a 94 s10 4l60e wont shift from 1-2 until 20 mph and i have to let off trottle for it to shift ive changed valve body and all solenoids this happened after i had front seal changed.could it be the 2-4 servo

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### **ben**

12/5/2011, 12:22:10 PM

Will a faulty fuel pump cause the trans not to shift into passing gear? My transmission seems to be fine as long as no passing gear is required. The motor revs very high when the pedal is pressed to the floor.

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### **Daniel Smith**

12/8/2011, 9:13:13 AM

my 94 z transmission had no problems up until I ran the car out of gas and all the lights flickered rapidly. After restarting had no warning lights and no symptoms of a prob until I was driving in d and let off of the gas and car whent to idle its acting like it has a stall converter in all selections but overdrive converter acts as it should any ideas.

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### **Jeff**

12/8/2011, 3:52:56 PM

I have a 1994 Model 4l60e which i had fully rebuilt with new everything, and just got into truck and no movement at all in d or od. 1st, 2nd and reverse work fine. When in 3rd or 4th, ats as if in neutral and just revs up and wont move. Any ideas?

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### **Anonymous**

12/11/2011, 1:31:30 PM

I have a 96 Chev. Blazer 4x4. Last night the Chev shifted in 4x4 while driving down the road. When I pulled into a parking lot to park up a slight hill, I had to give it a lot more gas. It still act like it didn't want to go so I placed the truck in reverse. Had to give more gas than normal. Once I put the truck in drive it still act like it didn't want to go. After turning the truck off for about an hour, I started the truck and the 4x4 light was on. Starting out in drive was differ but I had to drive about 12 miles home in 4x4. It drove ok but I knew all four wheels were turning. I would like to know what is wrong before I get a run around deal from a guessing game. To be frank with I don't have money to play with and I'm on a fixed income with a child to take care of.... O.. no other lights came on in the dash. Please Help....

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### **Monty**

12/11/2011, 9:33:11 PM

07 Chevy express van shifting hard in 1st, then not as hard in 2nd, then less in 3rd&4th gears. This does'nt happen when first starting van and going, only later while driving for some time. Then after coming to a stop & go it will start shifting hard!! I then can stop & turn off engine wait count to 10 start it back up & shift fine again for a while. What's up?

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**James**

12/12/2011, 8:05:29 PM

I have a 2000 silverado when i put it in reverse it engages and acts like its in park it wont go forward or backwards, neutral, and drive works fine only reverse is acting funny any ideas?

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**[Bud Crittenden](#)**

12/13/2011, 1:39:03 PM

We just bought a 1996 chevy silverado extended cab and yesterday I was leaving pulled forward into a drive way and put in reverse. it went into reverse and then would not move it takes a lot of gas to move backwards. What the hell?

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**Anthony Rogers**

12/15/2011, 8:57:05 PM

I have a 1997 base 4x4 5.7 silverado truck. Will the transmission (without modification) go into a 1998 4x4 s10 blazer 4.3 4x4? Wire harness, bell housing, tail shaft, computer perimeters are they the same.

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**alex**

12/19/2011, 4:54:55 PM

i have a 1993 gmc k1500 with a 4l60e it tries to pull forward in all gears including park?? Any help??

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**Joe**

12/22/2011, 12:51:33 PM

I have 1999 chevy 4x4 half ton with a 4l60e works fine other then sometimes when you put it in reverse it sounds like it pops out and grinds but sometime it works fine how can i fix this.

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**[ryan](#)**

12/23/2011, 8:37:03 AM

i have a 95 chevy k1500 4wheel drive with what im guessing is a 4l60 but i dont know with a 350 tbi and has had the # 26 symptoms before with addition to (not down shifting at wot) but just the other day it felt like it was trying to take off in 4th gear and at wot not doing nothing just lugging along i have replaced the t.p.s but didnt do any good and btw the speedometer ond rpm gauge along with the little red ligt that show what gear your in all quit working at the same time any help would be aprechiated. thanks

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**[ryan](#)**

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## Ted

12/27/2011, 12:17:24 AM

2002 Chevy Astro (4l60e), R, 1, 2 are fine, drive is like neutral and will go no where at a stand still, can manually start in first, manually shift to 2nd and manually shift to 3rd, once 3rd is engaged can shit to d and it will grab if not under heavy load

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## Ozzy

12/28/2011, 7:12:18 PM

4L60-E acting erratic, Over-Drive engages & dis-engages constantly with no throttle position change when cruzing at normal highway speeds (AU-110kph/US - 68mph), gear selection is poor & sometimes pushes foward when trying to stop at lights then hesitates when accelerating off from lights

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## Chris

12/31/2011, 6:55:21 AM

Yes I have a 2000 silverado it's a really good truck but sometimes when I get on it hard from the start it gets up and moves just fine but when it shifts from first to second the transmission takes about a second before it switches over and it feels like it's out of wack and I would loose a race every time just because of that poorly shift and also it feels like it looses a little power also. I thought of getting a new transmission with a shift kit but if I don't need to then I won't. The transmission has 194k on it. And was also used for hauling and the person before me dogged it every chance he got with a trailer on it. What do I do?

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## Jerry

1/1/2012, 8:35:42 AM

I have a 1995 Chevy G10 Van, in 1st gear its feels like the brakes are applied. Had it tested to see if it was throwing any codes and it isn't, it was suggested to rebuild the tranny, so we bought a kit and did, found a couple gears that had a little wear on them. Put it back in and same thing. Anyone have any suggestion must get my work van back on the road ASAP!

Thanks Jerry

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## Termite

1/1/2012, 8:37:56 AM

Posted @ Thursday, May 12, 2011 8:44 PM by kwame thomas

just wondering if you got you truck fixed and if so what you did to fix it? Having the same issue with my 4L60E.

Thanks

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## **John Wayne**

1/1/2012, 8:30:41 PM

when I go Wide open throttle only and when my car is supposed to shift into second gear , it feels like neutral and the engine just revs. Until i let my foot off of the gas. I think that is a better way to describe this problem. Everything is normal at part throttle regular driving. Been driving it like this for 2 years! Anyone out there have any more ideas? burned band? Please let me know

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## **Burton Petersen**

1/3/2012, 3:58:54 PM

1993 g m c 1500 truck driven in first gear. the speed meter in the dash inside not working.

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## **john**

1/8/2012, 11:38:11 AM

i have a 96 s10 blazer and i rebuilt my trans but when i put it in N it will roll forward and act like its in park when u try to push it backwards if any one has any ideas plz let me no

thanks john

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## **kevin**

1/9/2012, 3:55:35 PM

1995 chevy z71. 4l60e transmission is stuck in drive, put it in park and it feels like its still trying to engage forward. put it in reverse and it goes forward same with neutral and so on... anyone know what would cause this and is there a solution besides rebuilding it??

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## **robert taylor**

1/10/2012, 4:00:44 AM

I have a 2000 tahoe that when in overdrive has an intermitent shake at low rpm. once up to around 60 mph and above seems to be not as bad. Works fine in all other gears and rpm ranges. the shake seems to be becoming more frequent and at higher and higher rpm's.

**Josh Heston**

1/11/2012, 4:11:02 PM

I have a 06 silverado that skips from 1st to 3rd gear. I was wondering if anyone can give me some insight about the problem. Was told it needs a new trans. Thanks

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**darian**

1/12/2012, 6:51:39 AM

i have a 1999 camaro and it used to shift fine now when i floor it, it wont get above 3000rpm and it never shifts so unless the car is in park the car has almost no pick up can someone tell me whats wrong ? please

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**[deejaaa](#)**

1/14/2012, 8:03:13 PM

2003 trailblazer. 1-2 shift normal, 3rd shift will rev high, 3500 rpm or higher. like there is no TCC engagement.

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**mike steinberg**

1/16/2012, 9:53:46 AM

have a 99 suburban 5.7l 4x4. i just put a rebuilt 4l60e tranny in a month ago. after 2 weeks it started to slip a little when going into 3rd/drive and 4th/OD. now is lost both those gears the other day but was able to drive home shifting manually from 1st and 2nd. reverse still works. so since this problem gradually got worse would it be the drive clutches or a broken sprag.

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**Martin**

1/20/2012, 7:34:34 PM

I have a 02 GMC Sonoma ZR2 4x4 with a 4L60E. The problems I'm having are:

Shifts from Park to Reverse or Drive after the truck sits and cools down take power (1200RPM) to move the truck. Also my shifts are not from they are long and drawn out. Around 45-55 MPH my transmission acts like it can't find a gear jumping a few hundred RPM until I'm past 60 MPH then its fine. Also my tachometer is always around 2000-2200 RPM at highway speeds. To me that seems kinda high. Note tranny fluid and filter has been changed at scheduled intervals. Have the correct amount in tranny and fluid does not smell burnt. There is no grinding, clunking, or hard shifts. Thank you for your time. Local tranny shops have blown me off

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**steve**

1/21/2012, 6:40:39 PM



I have a 01 silverado 4.8L with a 4L60E that went out. I bout one that came out of a 99 suburban 5.3L. I noticed there is a difference in the torque converters. I cant use my old one because of metal shavings contamination. If I buy a new one will it fit that trans from the 99?

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**mike**

1/21/2012, 9:54:01 PM

I have a 95 chevy tahoe 2 door 4 by 4 and my problem I drove it went in my house came back outside 5 minutes later started it and my gauges didn't work my rpm gauge and and how fast I'm going gauge and the light that says it's in park does not turn on. can anybody help me with that

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**jerry**

1/23/2012, 2:09:47 AM

I just swapped transmissions in my 1990truck chevy c 1500. Upon start up I hear what is best described as a grinding noise. I removed the flywheel/converter cover thinking that was it, but it still is making the noise. Any thoughts??

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**trevor**

1/25/2012, 2:23:52 PM

i have a 94 chevy silverado 1500, 5.7 with 4L60E, just rebuilt a few months ago. has been working fine until today, on highway it feels like im in 1st and it wont shift out. rpm is 3500 and at 55mph. revving high.

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**Jamie**

1/26/2012, 7:32:08 PM

I have a 2002 ford excort zx2. When I parked on an incline... I put the car in 1st gear and put on the emergency break and it is coasting back. What is the possible cause of that

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**Brian**

1/27/2012, 5:26:03 PM

I have a 93 gmc 1500 5.7L TBI with a 4L60. what i need to know is will a 2000 4L80E work in it?and what do i need to do for it to work

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**[mike](#)**

1/28/2012, 10:42:59 PM

1990 chevy 700r4 warm up ok ?

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**jerry**

1/29/2012, 2:04:30 PM

I haven't checked I guess to see...little nervous to let it run to long not knowing what is causing that sound.

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**shon**

1/31/2012, 11:24:55 AM

I have a 2001 Suburban with the 8.1 liter engine. It currently has 105k on it and I just noticed it'll rev to 4500 before shifting out of 1st. The dealer said the tranny is shot due to the mileage a replacement is in order. is this true? Thanks

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**jimmy davis**

2/6/2012, 1:45:24 PM

I recently had my 460E rebuilt with all new parts. I've noticed at 65-70 MPH when it down shifts sometimes it revs to 4000 rpms and gears slip then the clutches grab and starts pulling. It has larger Corvette servo and torque converter locks in overdrive. I was told it could be a faulty throttle body. It has extra clutches in 3rd 4th gear pack. What should I check for? Did I get a bad rebuild?

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**paul**

2/7/2012, 2:32:54 AM

Did they change all the solenoids or just the shift solenoids? the frist thing you have to ck is the 3-2 downshift solenoid maybe faulty if not sounds like the vavle body could have a cross leak

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**[gordon grantham](#)**

2/12/2012, 12:24:14 PM

my 4l60e works fine but reverse has nothing

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**kevin jester**

2/13/2012, 12:44:26 PM

I have an 07 trailblazer ss with a 4L70 and it just started not shifting at WOT between 1-2. As described in your 4L60 blog #2. It shifts if you lift off throttle. Any ideas on this problem.

Thank you for any knowledge and advice. nice website

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**joe**

2/14/2012, 3:28:57 PM

Pulled the tranny fuse and slipping reverse worked put it back in and put it in drive and goes fine just tried it again after now slipping again.  
Boost valve ?

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**[gus](#)**

2/15/2012, 9:21:57 PM

I have a 1994 chevy p/u 1500 2 wheel drive the trans will work fine and smooth 1st and 2nd gear the check engine light turns on then 3rd and 4th gear and o/d shift smooth, but when you bring it to a stop 1st,2nd gear shifts harsh and at high like @20mph and 3rd and 4th like at 45

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**Patrick**

2/17/2012, 5:34:48 AM

My 06 Honda Odyssey's check emission light came on this morning and now it will not shift out of 1st gear. For a time, it has been a pausing feeling when it would shift from 1st to 2nd.

Seems like separate issues, with the emission light, but was wondering what could be going on with the transmission.

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**ken**

2/18/2012, 10:05:47 AM

I have a 2003 silverado i have totake between 4000 and 5000 rpm and let off before it will shift from 1st to 2nd and it will not shift to other gears reverse is fine any ideas?

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**Jeremi**

2/20/2012, 3:29:22 PM

I have a 2004 Chevy Blazer 2WD. If I give it more than 50% TH it slips when shifting. I had a full rebuild about 1yr ago. But the valve body wasnt touched. Could it just be the solenoid?

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**herb**

2/21/2012, 3:02:42 PM

2002 gmc sierra 2wd v8 4.8l i lost 3rd gear not sure if i have 4th gear cause cant pass 3rd gear

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**tim**

2/23/2012, 2:48:57 AM

i have a 2000 chevy tahoe with a automatic transmission that stopped working in all 4 gears. had it towed home. the next day i tried it and it's been doing fine. what would cause that to act like that.

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**Anonymous**

2/26/2012, 9:41:56 AM

was wondering if a 4l60e out of a 2006 tahoe 4x4 would work in a 2000 chev silverado 4x4

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**Kris Fleming**

2/26/2012, 7:29:02 PM

I just put a new engine in a 2001 S-10 Trailblazer, The transmission shifted fine prior to the engine swap. Now it will only shift from 1-2 manually and free spins in in 3-4. What should I be looking for since I know it is a good transmission?

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**charles walker**

2/27/2012, 7:05:02 AM

i have 1997 itaska motor home on a

chevy chasis auto trans.when backing it comes out gear somtimes

and will not engage until it cools

down and work ok for a while.

thanks c.w.

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**Lee**

2/27/2012, 10:15:48 AM

Here in Australia I have a 5.7 Gen 3 fitted with a 4L60E after having it re-built it now tries to lock the converter up momentarily even when stationary with the selector left in Drive. It will even stall the car. Gearbox specialist has been working on it now for 6 weeks and can't figure out why, any help would be great

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**Eddie Anderson**

2/27/2012, 3:08:40 PM

I have 1989 gmc Sierra 4x4 that will not shift out of second. Once the speedometer reaches 20-30mph it just almost seems to kick into neutral. Any recommendations would be awesome! Thanks!

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**Maurice Eaves**

2/27/2012, 9:01:32 PM

I have a 1994 caprice ls 5.7, car was driving fine until I drove through at least 3-4 feet of water. Then trans wouldn't shift automatically had to put in second gear to start off then shift to drive. Any advice to what this may be.

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**stephen**

2/28/2012, 12:43:38 PM

i have a kia sedona 2.9 auto. i have fitted a second hand engine, and a new oil pump in the gearbox. when pulling off it is very sluggish, like its pulling away in a higher gear. when it was in the brake roller tester it wouldnt drive out, in low, drive, or reverse. the revs would only go up to 2000 or something, but if i put it into neutral, reved it and dropped it in drive it came out... as if something was limiting the revs at start off. it changes through the gears ok, and revs go higher when already driving. there is just no get up and go?? please help. steve

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**Lee**

2/29/2012, 5:03:36 AM

I am in Australia and have a 4L60E behind a 5.7 litre Gen 3. After having it fully rebuilt the torque converter now tries to lock up momentarily then releases once it gets hot. It does this continually making the car undriveable. It will even stall the car as you try and come to a stop.

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**Craig**

2/29/2012, 5:11:10 AM

I have a 96 chevy k 1500 When I pull out the tras shudders very bad however if I shit it manually it pulls out fine Also I have fluid pumping out of the breather tube

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**Dave**

3/1/2012, 9:43:12 AM

Could a bad torque converter mimic a fuel delivery problem?

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**Logan**

3/4/2012, 11:46:08 AM

i have a 93 s10 with a 4.3 and a 4l60e and it wont hold overdrive it shifts back and forth between third and fourth when i touch the gas what can i do to get it to stop

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## Mike

3/4/2012, 12:29:02 PM

2005 pacifica has a shudder at about 35 mph, between 3rd and 4th gear. Any ideas?

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## Ryan Meyer

3/4/2012, 12:54:23 PM

2006 chevy trailblazer 4x4. Transmission will not shift into overdrive and has a harsh 1-2 shift. Engine light said clutch solenoid stuck off position replaced and same problem. 2nd tranny shop said fluid getting behind valve in valvebody. Honed out, sleeved and replaced valve and spring and have the same problem. If i turn the car off it is fine until highway speeds and engine light comes on again. Please help 700.00 in the hole plus rental car fees. Please help!!!!

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## Ken House

3/4/2012, 7:31:50 PM

I have a 90 Buick Elecktra T Type, my cousin was heading back to Seattle from Spokane, she stopped to fuel up and when she started it she shifted it into reverse, it wouldn't move, and it wouldnt move forward either in any gear. I measured the oil level before I started it, then measured it after, and the level went down telling me the pump was good. I then drained the oil and pulled the pan, it was surprisingly clean, no chunks of any kind just "normal" light wear evidence, a very little amount of material . i replaced the filter and the pan and oil still not going into gear. help

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## art sylvia

3/6/2012, 7:27:44 PM

I have a 4L60E in my chevy express.  
I was told the oil doesn't flow threw the cooler when I am in O.D.  
Is this true or false?  
Art

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## williams

3/12/2012, 3:50:47 PM

98 blazer blew out all the fluid; or almost all- we changed the radiator but when it heats up on a trip it still does it sometimes

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## Smitty

3/16/2012, 12:02:36 PM

Z71 transmission slips at 30 mph to a no engage situation. Shift down to low gear to move forward and again the transmission disengages. Shift down again to the very low gear and the transmission pulls like it should in the low gear.

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## LTC10

3/17/2012, 10:41:25 AM

Hello, fellow 4l60e peeps..well i have a lt1 conversion with the 4l60e tranny in my 72 c/10 truck.i installed possie in the rear, lost the rear end,at the same time the tranny lefr. Worked fine for a day and now all i have is reverse,,,HELP!  
B...

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## Dan

3/17/2012, 11:53:56 PM

Tight on cash. 2002 GMC Sonoma. I stopped at light, went to take off and heard a rubbing sound, high pitch. not really a grind to it. Put in park soon as I came to a stop. Shifted back in gear to see if noise would repeat. It didn't. However it looks as if I have no 4th? and once I got home from work found out I had no reverse either. Truck drove just fine but was about 3k on tac when typically coast around 2k on expressway. Wouldn't shift higher.

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## chris

3/19/2012, 6:55:47 PM

i need help, i own a 1994 chevy silverado with a 5.7l v8 engine, i took a turn about a 10th of a mile away from my house. i applied my throttle after takin the turn and i hear 3 loud clanks about 1.5 seconds apart, then my engine shut off and i rolled to the side of the road, we removed the starter and tried to turn over the engine with the bolt over the bottem pulley and no luck. 1. is my engine seized up or is it something else?? i can really use help it has a total of 184,562 miles on it what can i do and what could have happened, please help if you can i hate to get rid of it i love my truck.

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## lee

3/19/2012, 10:24:30 PM

i have two questions i have a 96 and a 98 z71s the motor is blowin in the 98 but i just rebuilt the trans last summer with help from my tranny guy i put a zpac and a small shift kit, the 96 i just bought this weekend and the trans doesnt shift into any gear no rpm drop or anything the guy said he let his buddy rebuild it not to long ago anyways my questions are what could be going on in the trans in my 96 and can i put the trans outa my 98 in my 96 and vice versa?

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## Mike

3/26/2012, 10:20:52 PM



I have a 1996 Chevy Blazer 4.3 liter 2-wheeel drive Auto. Was told my Speedometer has to be working properly to allow the Trans to shift properly ..I replaced the Speed sensor , but my Speedometer Gage is not working .. my question is does the Speedometer Gage have to work for the Trans to shift properly even if the speed sensor is hooked up working and new ?

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**merlin**

4/1/2012, 7:38:08 PM

Tranny gets hot quickly does not seem to be slipping

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**Kevin G**

4/2/2012, 8:25:38 AM

I have a 1997 K1500 Suburban, 5.7 w/ 4l60E, the engine RPM's go up an down about 2-300 RPM's while rolling down the highway. almost like it is dropping out of lockup. any ideas?

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**joey c**

4/5/2012, 11:08:50 PM

have a 2002 ford explorer xlt ,v-8 with 5 speed o.d transmission, its acting like it down shifts to another speed just for a moment,then drives normal it may happen 3 or more times an then it may not happen the next time but once, ford told me they had to reprogram computer, it still does it, their is 100k on suv it runs great except for this problem ???

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**Tyrone**

4/8/2012, 8:53:10 PM

I have a 1998 Chevy Blazer 4x4 Automatic with a 4.3 Liter Engine and Vin: W. I serviced the transmission by changing the transmission oil and the filter because it was extremely dirty. After I put everything back together the truck would not go back in park unless you manually push the linkage. It goes in every other gear just fine and drives fine, but won't shift back to park by the gear lever. What is the problem? Please Help me. GOD BLESS!!!!!!!

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**Rod**

4/9/2012, 2:02:06 PM

I have a 96 silverado. When I take off from a start or floor the throttle my engine roars like the fan clutch is engaged but the truck doesn't move as fast as it sounds. what do I need?

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**Tibs**

4/13/2012, 7:06:52 PM

2002 chevy silverado v6 has all forward gears but have to let off gas to shift and has no reverse

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## Lucas

4/14/2012, 3:08:18 PM

Just curious if anyone can help before I pull the transmission. I was at a stop sign and just started accelerating when I heard a ping and it shifted hard from 1-2 and I had to let off the gas for it to shift. Reverse is completely gone and it still shifts the same way out of 1. I found a broken bolt from the driver side exhaust manifold. Any ideas?

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## tony ghigo

4/15/2012, 3:43:30 PM

my 03 2500 460 tranny downshiftrs to first when i am going 70 mph

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## Antonio Cisneros

4/16/2012, 11:02:43 PM

I have a 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix GTP Supercharged V6 3.8L engine and automatic transmission. My car moves in R, but not D or 2. I have to manually shift it to 3 and it drives normally. I haven't tried manually shifting up from the low gear to drive to see if that works, but can anyone tell me what could possibly be wrong or where I need to start looking! I also have OBD II codes P0650, P0102 and P1571. The TCS Off light is also on. Thanks for any help you could give me!

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## Jim Gabe

4/20/2012, 6:38:04 PM

I've had the transmission filter fall into the bottom of the pan twice. there seems to be no clips or bolts to hold it in. any reason?? new bushing was put in both times. after the first time, trans slipped in reverse and in first and fluid is dirty as no filter fluid was being pumped. 2002 chevy s10 4x4 2-1/4" pan. any help or ideas are appreciated.

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## erik

4/23/2012, 1:00:49 PM

hello there,

im from holland

i have a chevy van builded in 1993. the gearbox shuold be a 4l60e. the R is not working anymore. 1.2.3.4 is no problem. what coult be the problem????????

kind regards erik

**Mark**

4/25/2012, 3:12:30 AM

could some of the problems be linked to the bcm, my 96 camaro is acting like number 10

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**larry heldenbrand**

4/25/2012, 1:06:51 PM

i am in desperate need of help in the right direction.my 4l60e lost the will to live after 110k miles so i decided to take on the project myself and purchased a rebuilt trans w/a rebuilt-road tested torque converter.the problem im having is at take off its real sluggish and my rpm's wont go past 1500 while in drive.in reverse it will light up the tires.the transmission is not slipping in any manner so im thinking it has to be electrical.could my truck be in "safe mode"?i will take any suggestions because i dont know anything about what is going on under there!!! this web site is already very helpful

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**Joe**

4/29/2012, 8:25:22 PM

MY 1999 CHEVY S10 ZR2 PICKUP TRANS SHIFTS FROM 1ST TO 2ND LIKE IT HAS A SHIFT KIT.I KEEP HAVING A PROBLEM WITH TRANS FLUID BLOWING OUT THE VENT LINES OF THE TRANNY WHAT IS THE CAUSE???? GOING CRAZY... I PLUGGED THE VENT LINES AND NOW SHE RUNS AND SHIFTS PERFECT HOWEVER WHAT IS CAUSING THE FLUID TO COME OUT THE VENT LINES IS IT CLOGGED TRANS COOLER LINES??

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**dave**

4/30/2012, 7:34:01 AM

I have a 99 suburban that seems to slip or grind slightly in overdrive usally over 4000 rpms. other than that everything seems normal any seggestions on repair

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**josh crawford**

5/2/2012, 9:58:22 AM

i have a 1994 chvy 1500 with a 4l60e trans, when cold it runs fine, then when its hot its sluggish on take off and shifts quick into 2nd or3rd, its almost like it takes off in 2nd,but then switches back and forth a few times till it finally locks up and runs fine in 4th. Ive had this truck at two trans shops and one specialist shop, and they all sent it back and told me they didnt want a drinkin problem, but would have one if they had to figure out what was wrong with the truck. I have put in anew wiring harness, pcm, buffer solinoid, shifter sensor, air idol control,temp control sensor and plugs on all the sensors. the fluid is full and i still cant figure out what is wrong, can anyone help

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**rob a k**

5/6/2012, 11:40:27 AM

I have a 2005 Chevy Suburban z71. the transmission seems fine as long as im acceleration but if im just maintaining speed especially around 45/50mph the transmission begins to shake. If i tap on the brake peddle the shaking will stop for a few seconds then starts back up. if im crusing at 65 or up it doesn't shake at all. I was told the overdrive might be going, any suggestions and does that sound like a possible problem?

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## Bob

5/7/2012, 9:13:20 AM

i have an 04 gmc sierra 1500 4x4 with 5.3. after driving awhile sometimes shifts with a bang from 1-2 and some from 2-3. doesnt always do it but is annoying when it does. what is the problem. please help.

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## bryce

5/9/2012, 9:24:43 PM

i have a 1995 impala ss, my car is sluggish off the the line. it's not sliiping, just does'nt have 1st gear. once it gets up to 20-25 mph, it's driving fine. i've chaged the vss, still the same problem. what could be the issue?

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## Dave

5/10/2012, 6:16:43 PM

Going outta my head crazy trying to figure out what's goin on with my 4L60e. 94 Caprice Wagon, seems like brakes dragging, It WAS shifting up and TC would lock up, but wouldn't go to 1st gear at a stop, Now it won't shift up or down outta 2nd but TC still locks up, Reverse if OK, bench tested A & B solenoid-good, changed PCM, Checked fuses, pan is clean, fluid/filter new and full..any Ideas?

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## Dennis

5/11/2012, 8:08:06 AM

My 02 Trailblazer would move ahead in first only to lock up upon the 1-2 shift. Speedo and R works. Didn't test 3 or 4 manual. I found the problem to be the lo sprag clutch. The inner raceway was shattered and there were sprag rollers and spring fragments adrift in the tranny. Training said the torque converter would soon be toast, too. So, I;m going with a beefed reman with a warranty.

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## Jim Ishler (Ishler's Auto Sales/Service)

5/13/2012, 9:07:19 PM

Working on a customer's 1993 Chevy Silverado 4X2 Auto, 5.7 engine. Hard shift from park to rev or D. Has all gears, slams so hard on 1-2 it hurts your back. The lighter the acceleration the harder it slams. Full throttle is smooth. All other shifts ok. Shift solenoids and TPS appear normal on scan or vantage. Showing real high pressure all the time. New PCS no change. Dropped valve body, no immediate signs of problems. Switched PCM-No change. Only code is knock sensor, switched sensor-no change. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank You, Jim

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**rj**

5/23/2012, 6:42:42 PM

i have a 99 gmc 1500 with a 4.3 v6 im guessing a 4l60 trans all stock i hydroplaned out of the road and almost totaled my truck but anyway when i got home i washed it outside and underneath the truck then went to town now the truck lunges foward when it shifts from 1st to 2nd and feels like its gonna throw the rearend out the back ive had it on a rack and nothing is broke i replaced the trans mount cuzz it just rips em up when it changes um it didnt start till i washed the truck its been a week now any ideas would be greatly appreciated

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**Danny Soikes**

6/16/2012, 2:09:48 PM

I have a 2000 Chevy Silverado 4X2 Auto 4L60E it starts good in drive and shifts from 1st to 2nd great but when shifting to 3rd the engine revs to about 4000 rpms before it shifts and it will not go to 4th or od. I removed the pan and replaced the 2-3 shift solenoid but that didn't help. any help would be appreciated.

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**paul**

6/17/2012, 5:03:36 AM

The third clutch is burnt you would have to rebuild the transmission the problem is internal

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**Brent**

6/26/2012, 6:45:24 PM

i have a 2003 silverado and 1st, 2nd, reverse are the only gears that it will move. any help apreciated

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**scott**

7/1/2012, 10:09:04 AM

01 tahoe ever once and a wile you put it in gear and fills like newtral shift the shifter a few times and back to drive and its fine also makes a ticking sound from the frunt of the trans close to the converter

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**Jeff**

7/8/2012, 1:09:48 PM

99 Yukon slow to go into 1st gear, slipping and then eventually (3-4 seconds) gradually starts moving. Shifts fine after that.

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**Andy**

8/4/2012, 5:37:15 PM

I have 1999 Chevy Silverado starts and runs fine. After about 3-4 miles transmission quits. Truck still runs but wont drive...until it cools down. Any help is greatly appreciated.

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### **Paul**

8/10/2012, 5:01:10 AM

1995 4L60E Will not go in to park. When the trans is put in to reverse the wheels do not turn. When shifted to neutral the wheels turn slowly and shifts fine through all the other gears. When the car is off neutral will still free wheel but when the car is running the wheel are turning slowly like in drive. Sounds kind of like problem 28. Any insight would be appreciated.

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### **Anonymous**

8/28/2012, 1:42:14 PM

2002 Chevy 1500 5.3L 4l60E has the same problem as the vehicle listed below. We have forward in all ranges, can anyone help with this problem. Transmission was just rebuilt with newer parts.

i have a 1993 gmc k1500 with a

4l60e it tries to pull forward in all gears including park?? Any help??

Posted @ Monday, December 19, 2011 6:54 PM by alex

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### **FRC666**

9/14/2012, 11:59:52 PM

my Z71 2003

went to kind of neutral and will not move it looks like all of the oil has gone up the measuring pipe any ideas?

thanks

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### **Tomas Guadiano**

9/19/2012, 7:04:36 AM

Have a 91 Chevy caprice drove home as normal went to park the car and the column would not go into reverse or pass reverse into park. Had to leave the car in neutral and put on the emergency brake. Car will crank in neutral and drive forward fine but will not shift into reverse at all. any suggestions

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### **wesley**

9/30/2012, 7:29:48 PM

4l60e 2002 gmc 4x4 was not driven for 1 year,will not shift into 3rd or 4th.had just been rebuilt.any possible cause or solutions?

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### **Jake**

10/5/2012, 12:11:16 PM

My 07 Sierra with 72K miles on it just started to stay in 1st gear unless you let off the throttle then shifts straight to 3rd and wond go into 4th. It has had regular maitenance to the tranny and never pulled a trailer. I changed the TPS and throttle body cause if coasting under 20mph the rpm would stay up without touching the throttle. . thought that might be the cause but it wasnt. any help would be greatly appreciated!! Just got laid off from work the day before this started so im trying to save as much money as possible and not have to pay the 90 dollars an hour shop rate at the dealer.

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### **Don**

10/8/2012, 11:23:00 AM

2000 Silverado PU,4l60e trans rebuilt less than 1000 miles, has had an intermittent harsh shift between 1-2,since I got it back,especially in stop and go traffic,also bang / clank noise from park to reverse,when on incline. Reason for rebuild was no reverse.

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### **robert**

10/8/2012, 11:48:28 AM

ref. 2012 pleasure way lexor class b rv/2011 express van. 3,000mi.

problem: 6 speed transmission. cold start - tran. will not immedietly up-shift from first to second. creeps in first(600rpm) for a block then will up-shift. normally is good for the rest of the day, unless it sits for 2-3hrs. then it's hit and miss. any ideas? warrenty issue, dealers cannot find a problem. ???

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### **sheila**

10/12/2012, 9:00:39 AM

What will happen if there is to much transmission fluid in an older clubwagon...how do I fix it?

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### **john**

12/3/2012, 6:38:56 PM

99 suburban has 5 second delay shifting into reverse for awhile now now it just started shuddering in between gears only does it 10 percent of the time

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### **jason**

12/8/2012, 3:55:29 PM



I have 1998 Chevy K1500 the eng. Light comes on only when i tow! Dont remember code? It's in limp home mode!

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## Brandon

12/15/2012, 8:57:51 AM

I have a 2003 4x4 GMC Sierra 1500 I was sitting at a red light one day light turns green and my truck feels like it's in neutral so I push it to the side of the road and it cools down over time (wasn't hot before just normal op. temp) while I'm looking for fluid leak, amount ect. decided to try it again and it drove it made a lil growling noise but drove. so runs when cold but warms up and has no gears reverse drive nothing? Any suggestions?/

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## Cue

12/19/2012, 12:17:56 AM

Thanks for such an informative article. I'm sure it will prove to be a valuable resource

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## Glen Hinkley

1/21/2013, 6:38:14 PM

I want to check the vent pipe (tube) can someone tell me how to locate it on the transmission 4L60E e-mail me if you can help [glenansue@datamaxemail.com](mailto:glenansue@datamaxemail.com)  
all my fluid boiled out of dip stick tube transmission still works but not well

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## joe

2/13/2013, 9:27:37 AM

got a 93 Chevy 4x4 pickup with rebuilt trans at 20/25 miles a hr she from 3 to 4 and but to 3rd over and over then she just find a gear she like and stays there it will happen at around 45/50 some times replace comp and speed sensor to transfer case it gotta be a wiring problem old tranny did same thing and this is a different one

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## Curtis Wille

2/14/2013, 10:57:48 AM

I have a 1997 Chevy 1/2 ton pickup with a 4L60E that I had re-built from a transmission shop. It lasted a month and the transmission started slipping in over-drive then lost over-drive, then lost 3rd gear, then 2nd. I scanned for codes, there were none. I took the transmission out and tore down at the repair shop and he said the transmission got hot. We did not pull anything with the truck just normal driving for one month. He diagnosed that the transmission got hot and took the front clutches out. There were no hot spots on the torque converter but he found thrust washers melted on the unit. He will not cover warranty on transmission because of overheating is it possible that he put it together wrong or do I have other problems that I can't find. This has been overhauled in the last 5 years and having the same problems.

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**Larry Gerdeman**

2/15/2013, 6:32:36 PM

I have a 2005 GMC envoy 4x4 6 Cylinder I assume it is a 460LE Transmission. It shifts from 1 to 3 no second no fourth gear. It shifts on its own 1 to 3. The OBDII reader says shift solenoid 1 is on. The speedometer works part time, but never right. Any help appreciated.

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**David V.**

2/21/2013, 12:01:47 PM

Have 2000 Chev Astro 118K miles.  
Has morning sickness.. no Reverse until it warms up. Otherwise everything shifts & runs smooth.  
Thanks for your help.

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**dan**

2/23/2013, 4:33:58 PM

i replaced my 96 gmc jimmy 4x4 4.3l with a new rebuilt automatic tranny, new neutral switch. now it shifts hard into 1st, 2nd, won't shift into 3rd etc....

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**colby franks**

2/25/2013, 2:13:35 PM

my 98 gmc jimmy is slow to engage from forward to reverse once it engages works great can this be fixed easily or is it one of those things you live with thanks colby

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**Ronald Lombardo**

2/28/2013, 4:59:08 AM

My 1996 Chevy Astro Van will not shift into Overdrive ...

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**[tyler agent](#)**

3/1/2013, 7:39:49 AM

Thanks for the post, and I'll be honest about that I know nothing about cars. And a few days ago I noticed a burning smell coming from my car. And I went to <http://www.nationaltransmission.ca> to try and get help to see what the problem. And it can either be the transmission, or the brakes. And with the somewhat car knowledge that I have I think that it's my transmission.

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**RICK GERDL**

3/9/2013, 10:33:19 AM

1982 VET W/700R TRANS. PARKED FOR 3 YEARS. WOULD NOT SHIFT OUT OF 1ST GEAR-CHANGED OIL AND FILTER AND CLEANED GOVENOR AND ALL WAS GOOD THEN IN 60 MILES 1ST TO 2ND SHIFT HOLDS TO LONG AND THERE IS NO LOCK UP FOR OVERDRIVE. CAR YOU HELP? RICK

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### **James**

3/9/2013, 3:22:35 PM

I have a 96 s 10 4l60e 233 thousand miles works fine cold one up shift good fluid serviced no codes no 3 or 4 after a few miles dose try to pull if easy throttle presure is applied no debri in pan no clutch material in pan normal converter wear shows in pan is servo servicable without removeing trans?Will o ring on 2 3 solinoid cause this problem? I dont have a gennisis or better scan tool cant road activate solinoids.can pump presure be inccressd?

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### **chris**

3/12/2013, 12:19:29 PM

i have a 1995 gmc jimmy i do not have 1 or od whats the problem

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### **Larry Davis**

3/17/2013, 10:14:32 AM

I have a 1993 chevy sportvan with the 5.7 350 trans shift into 1st and 2nd will not go into 3rd or 4th just high rpm until it slows down to adout 15 mph goes back into 2nd R is fine.New fluid all else seams good.

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### **richard webber**

3/19/2013, 11:41:34 AM

i have 2001 2500hd silverado .when i put the truck in reverse on jack stands the tires are spining forward . please help

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### **Andre**

3/19/2013, 12:13:51 PM

I have a 2004 Gmc Yukon XI 4x4 . The problem I'm having with it is I have to start off in either 1st or 2nd gear then once I get up to 10mph I can shift it to drive. I don't experience any slipping once I start driving but once I stop the truck I have to return the gear shift to 1st or 2nd. If I slow down under 20 mph I have to down shift in order to match the speed of the vehicle then up shift back to drive if not the trans will not engage.

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### **Mark Vincent**

3/19/2013, 5:36:53 PM

I have some of the problems as stated about, I have an 94 truck 4x4. I rebuilt it about 40k miles ago, well the low plant bearing took a dump, and tore up the plant gears. Going to work it just stopped pulling, after it sat for a few moments it worked again, just go home, lost all gears again, let sat drove around the block, then lost gears again, so I put a guage on it and had about 80 lbs. pressure, then just started dropping to 0. Pulled out trans. Had debri in it but pump looked great, so did the steels and fibers, valve body had some crap in it, but not much, do you think the converter went bad, since everything else looks good. Thanks, Mark.

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### **albert**

3/26/2013, 2:23:32 PM

I have 1995 chevy trail blazer. It waist lots of gas... while im driving i can feel it pulling like if its running out if gas.... like everytyme it switches gears it starts to pull...when i speed up or let go of gas it riides smooth

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### **Jerry Pickert**

3/28/2013, 8:21:45 PM

Like the March 26th 2013 posting, my 2000 Silverado now contains two new shift solenoids that I replaced in an attempt to get it to stop rapidly jumping back and forth between 3rd and 4th under a very light load. This did not fix the issue. Could I be miss interpreting the symptoms? Could it actually be slipping, all be it, very roughly in a jerking manner insteadof shifting back and forth?

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### **Beth Jackson**

3/30/2013, 7:00:01 AM

Twin Transmissions does a great job. I have had them rebuild my transmission on two different vehicles over the past 6 years. Every time I see them, they are working hard and they always answer my questions professionally. I love dealing with them. Go to <http://www.twincharlotte.com> and tell them BA sent you.

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### **bruce**

4/7/2013, 10:48:27 AM

I have a 98 Chevrolet Truck with automatic transmission 4L60E. Stopped at stop sign and as accerelating I heard a loud grinding pinging noise. Now it will not engage in reverse and all forward gears will not shift out of first gear. When cranking the truck up it makes a grinding sound. Shifted fine before this happened. Please email me at [turtledoverd@aol.com](mailto:turtledoverd@aol.com). Thank you

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### **Donny Mathews**

4/14/2013, 2:33:34 PM

i have a 98 GMC and i just blew out a rearend and in the process something in the transmission got messed up and now when i shift into drive it starts out in third gear and i have to manually shift to first and second after that i can put it into drive and it will shift like it should but when i stop it will not shift back to first to start so i have to re do the manual shifting to get going.also going into second the transmission slips a little bit. please email me at [donnis.donny@gmail.com](mailto:donnis.donny@gmail.com) thank you.

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**Chino**

4/15/2013, 6:45:53 AM

I have a 05 Trailblazer and the transmission feels like it is slipping only when I hit 60 mph. When I hit the gas it goes away. It almost feels like I am driving on a railroad track when this happens. Any suggestions on what it could be?

Thanks  
Chino

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**Sam Epaloose jr**

4/22/2013, 8:01:58 PM

just replaced the front pump seal and forgot to put in the retaining clip. would that cause the front pump seal to leak again? this is on a 93 chevy Silverado 2 wheel drive with a 4l60-e trans. was up on ramps ran fine no leaks then put in reverse and drove off the ramps then it started leaking. fluid was still below level. replaced the seal and the filter. ran great before has 129,000. thanks

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**John Grieves**

4/24/2013, 4:47:15 PM

I have a 2000 Silverado, trans rebuilt 8/12. Seems when vehicle is at operating temp and traveling between 40-50 on slight hilly road. When I come down the hill and flatten out on level ground the trans seems to slip out of overdrive and rpms will raise sometimes to around 3000 before it drops down into a lower gear. When it starts to slip like this if I punch the pedal to the floor it will hit passing gear, I let off the peddle and it will go back into overdrive and run fine until I hit slight hills again. Any ideas?

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**CRAIG**

5/2/2013, 9:37:30 AM

I have a 96 cadillac fleetwood 5.7 rwd, when I going 50mph and I have to put it in passing gear [flooring it] when I let off the pedal it will get out of passing gear but make a sucking squeak for a second-what is that

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**jay**

5/5/2013, 9:26:33 AM

Swapped out a good trans 4l60e from a 98 chevy pick up that the motor had blown and put it in another 98 chevy pick up and third gear revs up like its in neutral. ??? ahh!

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**mattt**

5/9/2013, 8:36:43 AM

i have a 96 stepside c/k 1500 4x4 truck, the transmission works in all gears but does not shift. what is the problem>

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**clark tart**

5/9/2013, 6:33:43 PM

06 silverado 4x4 torque converter shutters and drops out of lock up consantly 3rd and 4th gear until you reach 60mph after that speed it works like it is supposed to. I,m thinking pressure. ???

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**Ric**

5/15/2013, 12:07:33 AM

I have a 93 GMC vandura with a 4l60e. I rebuilt 1200 miles ago. All new clutches, seals, 1-2 and 2-3 solenoids. It worked fine untill I was on the freeway and it seemed to go into neutral. Now i have reverse and second gear only. I have pulled the trans out again and I have clean fluid and NO debris in bottom of pan. Help please.

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**Jon S.**

5/28/2013, 9:50:09 AM

I have a 99 Chevy Tahoe it shifts smooth & runs good but while driving a long sometimes if I let up on the gas; its like it goes into neutral. But if i turn the 4 wheel drive on, the vehicle moves. so i can switch back to 2 HI. but after a short distance it goes back into neutral feeling again. what is the problem? please HELP

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**JimO**

6/11/2013, 3:28:36 PM

I am working on a 95 S10 4.3 4L60E trans 115K miles. It sat a couple years in a garage and has been back on the road about a year. To boil it all down my spon computer show the trans shifte through all 4 gears before it gets to 25MPH. Friends thinks and the manual for this trans indicates the TCC solinoid is stuck in the on position. Any other ideas out there? Thanks Jim

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**Edwin Hawes**

6/23/2013, 1:22:56 PM

I have a 96 camaro z28 automatic. While in low gear has the noise as if the rear end is grinding or going out. Shift to 2nd and noise goes away including 3rd gear. Only a little whine in 3rd.  
Thanks

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**james**

6/24/2013, 10:46:40 PM

4l80e starts in second gear. Unplug either connector at computer and tran shifts perfect until you turn key off then it starts in second gear and won't shift again until you unplug computer either connection. This is in a 1994 motor home with 454. Thanks for any help. James

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**Denny**

7/8/2013, 6:12:12 AM

I have a 1993 Olds Cutlass Supreme. When pulling up to a stop sign and trying to take off it acts like transmission is out. I put it in park and back to drive and it works fine. This has happen a few times in last 5 years and sometimes goes for year and a half till it acts up again. Any suggestions? No one seems to know what it could be. Thanks anyone.

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**[dan atkins](#)**

7/12/2013, 9:11:33 PM

On the 96 camaro z28 automatic this problem is due to low planetary gears in the transmission. You can certainly give me a call if you still have questions, I have been out of the shop for a few weeks and am playing catch up so sorry for the late reply! Dan 650-270-4949  
Auto Restoration Specialties

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**Denny**

7/14/2013, 7:27:00 AM

This is for Dan Atkins on July 12th response. What has to be done to correct the problem with the transmission on the 1993 Olds. You stated it is due to low planetary gears but wondering what to do to fix it? Thanks, Denny

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**eric**

7/18/2013, 12:49:25 PM

recently got transmission(4l60e) rebuilt on my 95 2wd yukon and a new torque converter. one week later while driving i hit the brakes to come to a stop then truck died , ever since when i put the truck in gear it dies, unless i punch it then it take s off like a manuel when you pop the clutch to early.i already tested for vacuum leaks, and theres none also checked my map sensor and it all checks clear lines have power and sensor holds pressure. i am very confused and fustrated, please any help would be greatly appreciated thanks

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**Dan**

7/19/2013, 6:48:02 PM

I have a 2000 Chevy S-10 with a 4L60E and in 4th gear, it doesn't feel like the converter is locked up. On the highway in 4th gear, the tachometer may jump a couple hundred RPM and the fall again. I isn't as quick as it used to be off the line and seems to wind up tp 30000 RPM from 1st to 2nd and from 2nd to 3rd. There is no "check engine" light and i just replaced the brake switch. how do you adjustthe brake switch?

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**Will**

7/22/2013, 8:41:03 AM

I have a 2002 Trans Am. Im noticing a whine that increases and decreases with RPMs. What is happening? Transmission/engine never been rebuilt, has 85,000 miles.

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### **Stephen Miles**

8/11/2013, 8:22:49 PM

why wont a 4l60e work in my 92 k1500? Is it because I don't have the computer that it needs to shift and also why wont it start or turn over at all???? Thank You..

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### **sam cook**

8/25/2013, 11:42:50 AM

1993 gmc 1500 transmission slips bad after 100 yards let set 10 minutes runs and shifts fine then slips no movement in any gear could filter be plugged up in auto trans

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### **myge**

8/26/2013, 11:20:47 AM

i have a 94 yukon it will shift 1-2 real nice then nothing else. was working good the day before could it be a siloneiod maybe or what should i do

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### **[click here car insurance](#)**

8/27/2013, 10:44:06 PM

I think of you want to be good at any mechanic or vehicle, you should follow great tips & inputs from experts. You should take their advice and see how it works.

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### **stefan heuss**

9/5/2013, 1:31:26 PM

I had just replaced the motor on my 97 astro van. It had been sitting about 2 yrs. I was driving on the freeway when the transmission just went out. there was no noise or warning, the shifter moves on the tranny but it does not engage in any gear nor can you feel it put a load on the motor. Any suggestions would be helpful thanks

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### **[Binaca Wray](#)**

9/26/2013, 3:44:48 AM

Fuel consumption in an auto transmission is more then manual transmission....is it true...?

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**Neal Adams**

9/30/2013, 9:11:54 AM

I have a 2006 trailblazer that shifts fine on short drives, but on long drives it after the transmission heats up. after slowing down for stop and go it shifts harsh from 1-2 less harsh2-3

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**Iamu**

10/8/2013, 10:01:39 PM

I have a 1996 silverado z71 that I need to swap out the original motor and tranny...ive located a very low miles 5.3liter and 4l60e tranny tjat I want to swap into my 96 z71...my question is will the original transfer case work with this 2002 4l60e? Will this swap work into in 96 z71? Pls help!!! Thanks

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**Daniel**

10/9/2013, 12:51:37 PM

I have the 4l60e, fully rebuilt. It will not shift into 3rd, the old one did it and that is why i replaced it. all my connections look good, the harness looked good while i had the tranny out. it shifted fine for a while then it quit while i was driving and went into 2nd. 3rd neutrals out. Any Ideas?

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**Heath**

10/15/2013, 9:03:23 AM

I have 99 4wd silverado with the 4l60e. Traded for truck after a family memeber did a trans swap in it for a known working trans. When I get it the truck is slow to shift to second around 3500 rpm and I have no overdrive. Underneath I noticed that they messed up the shift cable going to the linkage it doesn't allow the truck to go into park. So I have to get underneath it and push the linkage to the park position to start the truck. Could this have an effect on the computer not knowing when to shift or maybe not knowing what gear its in. Causing my slow shift into 2nd and no overdrive.

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**Jeff Carlson**

10/26/2013, 6:08:21 AM

Periodically forward gears will not engage after starting until I put it in reverse, then all gears work fine. No noise or shifting problems, hot or cold. Replaced position sensor on tranny, no difference.

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**Jeff Carlson**

10/26/2013, 6:10:28 AM

I'm sorry I have a 2002 Tahoe, 5.3  
4 WD, 105,000 miles

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**Izak de Vries**

10/27/2013, 2:28:30 AM

I built a Chev 5.3l V8 with a 4L60E transmission into a jeep wrangler with a 79 model Ford F250's transfer case and axles. Also with 35" tyres.

When I pull away in D-mode or in 1st manually it seems like its in a high gear and the motor struggles to get the jeep going. It seems like it pulls away in a high gear. Is that possible? How can I Fix this. I already got someone else's map settings, but his 4L60E is in a Chev Belair. Does still the same thing.

Can someone give me some advice please?

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## Jeff Carlson

10/27/2013, 6:39:53 AM

Tranny fixed. The park position pawl has worn bushings and every so often they get wedged. Putting it in reverse relieved the tension on the drum/ pawl and let it drop away. I had to loosen and move slightly the bracket that holds the mechanism inside the tranny to allow free movement. The eventual fix is to open the entire tranny to get to the drum and lever in the back of housing. Just when you think you've seen it all.

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## Daniel

11/27/2013, 12:05:54 AM

Nice read! I like the suggestions.

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## Tim Gaynor

11/28/2013, 3:04:26 PM

I've driven GM vehicles over 50 years and averaged 40,000 plus a year. Some as much as 282,792 miles, servicing as recommended. Bottom line on 97.3% percent of problems with the 4L60E tranny can be solved by replacement with a mechanic that guarantees his work for at least 2 years and replaces the transmission with a remanufactured vs a rebuild. Short of that fix it as cheap as you can and sell the vehicle, immediately. The 4L60E is a cheap light weight tranny, engineered and built now to make it to 100,000 miles in a GM product, 60,000 in a Ford or Honda. Any more mileage than as described is borrowed time. Never buy a used (salvaged)over these mileages unless you are going to sell the vehicle immediately or you have money to burn, Be honest with yourself....

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## [MICHAEL MILLER](#)

11/30/2013, 9:50:48 PM

T HAVE A 97 SUBURBAN AND MY ABS LIGHT IS ON,NO SPEEDOMETER AND WONT SHIFT OUT OF 2ND.CHANGED THE VSS ON THE TRANSFER CASE NO CHANGE AND NO CODES CAN ANY ONE HELP ME?

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## Matches

12/17/2013, 9:43:00 AM

I have a 1996 Chevrolet Suburban that had the trans rebuild about 10,000 miles ago with a new engine. It seems every time I fill up with gas the tranny feels weird like not shifting in all gears. After about 100 miles or less it goes back to normal and drives great. Any ideas I'm stumped on this one.

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### allen I

12/25/2013, 12:08:54 PM

does anyone know what causes no 3rd or 4th gear in a rebuilt 4l60e 97 chevy 1500 4x4 just want to know if it can be fixed without removal of tranny it seems like it would be in valve body or electrical/solenoid

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### Carl

12/26/2013, 3:57:46 PM

i have a 96 chevy tahoe. out of nowhere while pulling of from a stop sign. i got a loud grinding and scrapping noise on excelleration. goes away once it hits about 3rd gear, but will get little scrapes and clunks if i hit a dip or small pothole? Any ideas on what the problem may be. had the same issue on my 95 k1500.

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### gordy

12/27/2013, 12:14:07 PM

Hi i have a 2005 suburban with the 4L60e amd just the othier day all gears went out or shoulkd i say i nly have revers no Drive, 1st, 2md,or 3rd only revers. help please whats wrong,

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### Sonny

12/28/2013, 4:14:26 AM

96 S10 4.3L 4wd. Rebuilt trans about 5k. Shifts normally for the first 30 minutes then shifts harshly. If I shut it down for 15 minutes or let it cool down it,s fine again. Any ideas I could start with. Thanks for the blog and your time.

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### David Boulton

1/6/2014, 9:39:35 PM

Having a problem with my 2004 GMC Savana 3500 6.0 with 4L60E. Current mileage is 75k and was serviced (filter/fluid) at 50k. Seems to be activated after/during shifting into overdrive (felt while accelerating in OD), but is noticed more after coming to a stop and taking off again then it shifts hard from 1-2 & 2-3. However, once this happens and I pull over and shut off the engine for 10+ seconds (resetting the computer) the hard shifting goes away till going back into overdrive and coming to a stop again. I have drove it in (3 instead of D) and no problems, so it appears to be triggered while in or shifting within overdrive. Any thoughts...

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### David Boulton

1/6/2014, 10:01:59 PM

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### jr hurst

1/9/2014, 7:35:39 AM

will a 1996 Sonoma ex to 96 gmc siera5.7 4l60e 16 bolts

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### chris harper

1/30/2014, 12:20:30 PM

I have a 1997 town & country with a 3.3. car runs fine until i slow down then when i accelerate the rpms go up to 4-000 rpms & i cant go over 40 but if i put the car in neutral & shut off the motor restart & place in drive it goes back to normal until i have to brake & slow down

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### Nichalos Stephenson

2/13/2014, 12:34:56 PM

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### **Sam**

2/16/2014, 3:32:25 PM

I have a 2001 GMC Z71 with a 4l60e transmission. It started out with overdrive going out so I got a rebuilt 4l60e and replaced it. Now the transmission doesnt move in any gear. The fluids are good.

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### **Chance**

2/18/2014, 8:01:10 PM

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### **Larry D.Hill**

3/14/2014, 9:16:47 PM

2004 chevy tahoe 2/wd 4.8 motor 186000 miles on it. i dont have any instruments working correctly. and my trans doesnt shift out of 1st.ive replaced ext.rear trans. sensor then i dropped pan and relaced filter and 4 int sensors still no change at all in instr.or trans. i also replaced ign. switch i purchased this veh.11/27/13.engine and total veh.looks great.signs show good care by previous owner but it sit for 1-1/2 years because husband passed away.so they have said i bought at a great price so im ready to do what ever to get it running well.but im real frustrated by no change in it even after replaceing these items

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### **Richard**

3/22/2014, 6:54:35 AM

Leaving a stop sign the other day, I went to pass a big rig. Down shifted and while half way round shited to second in my 96 Tahoe, automatic, a loud clunk then lost all gears. U-joints good torque converter and flex plate good. Can feel it shift in gear and at 4000 rpm my speedo goes to 4-5mph. Removed driveshaft and speedo goes 40-50mph. Rear end not locked up wheels roll freely.

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### **Donnie Lawson**

3/24/2014, 7:08:17 PM

I have 94 Chevy pickup with a 4.3 and what I think is a 4L60 trans. It seems to be all original. I bought the truck with the trans. not working, so I don't know how it acted when it stopped working but it will not do anything at all in any gear or make any noise just nothing. I have rebuilt three Turbo 350's in the past but they were just slipping. I was wondering if you would point me in the right direction on this project? I have the trans. out and would like to fix it myself, but don't want to throw away 300 or 400 buck and then have to take it to someone to be fixed. It sounds like in the troubleshooting section you have, it may be the pump. The fluid is burn and it looks like a clutch material in the pan. What do think and how much different are these than a Turbo 350? Thanks, Donnie

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## James Phillips

4/1/2014, 1:23:24 PM

I have a '94 Silverado 1500. While driving (50mph) my OD and drive went bonkers. 1st, 2nd and reverse work fine. When truck is cold all gears work, but after 5-10 minutes the motor just revs in OD or D. If moved to 2nd manually truck runs fine. If transmission needs a rebuild is it safe to drive in 2nd (going slow)? I will have to take it to the big city which is 54 miles with a couple of medium grades. I really need some good advice. Thank you.

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## kevin

4/1/2014, 4:46:49 PM

I have a 1999 GMC Sierra I only have 1st 3rd and that's it my neutral safety switch is bad and I think I got the truck to catch second one day punching it really hard I haven't checked the tranny for metal shavings or any thing but I was wondering if you guys know all the possible causes for this issue

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## [Tammy Anderson](#)

4/8/2014, 4:19:06 PM

I have a 95 Silverado was a 4.3 Vortec with 4L60e but I recently swapped the motor for a 350 with a carb. My transmission is currently not locking the TC up. So I only have 1st-3rd gear if I shift it manually. I was wondering if anyone had any ideas on how to remedy this? Before the swap my trans was always sluggish on highway in OD but it would shift through the gears now it's not. Any info would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!

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## Tammy Anderson

4/8/2014, 4:28:18 PM

I have a 95 Silverado that had a 4.3 Vortec in it but I swapped it for a 69 350 block and carb. My 4L60e trans is acting weird now. It won't shift into overdrive as my TC is not locking up. And I have to shift it manually. I only have 1st 3rd and park neutral and reverse. I know before the swap overdrive was a little sluggish and had problems downshifting. I was wondering if anyone has any ideas on how to remedy this or if I need a different transmission? Any information would be greatly appreciated thanks!

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## fred pingston

4/15/2014, 4:03:23 PM

Past 2 years I have went through 4 auto transmissions in my 96 chevy 1500, 5.0 pickup. The present on is slipping after less than 200 miles. Can you tell me why all the past ones slipped also?

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### **Ken Redford**

4/28/2014, 3:22:41 PM

Have a 97 blazer forward gears work fine but when put in reverse locks up engine rpm drops but vehicle won't move.

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### **ryver**

5/17/2014, 8:25:06 PM

i need help !!!! had my 4l60E rebuil 5 months ago and its in a 97 k1500 4x4 ext cab z71 did a 14 bolt rear end swap from a 10 bolt both are posi . suddenly i backed out of my driveway lost movement like it was in N but it was in R then put in d nothing then 3 locked it was loaded but no movement then 1st and it moved but really slow now it only goes 6 inches fowrd in 1 and 6 inches in r then locks up .dropped pan looked like a chunk of a clutch was in it and metal shaveing the bad kind like bad bad kind and black metal slug in pan also from n to drive going into drive it make a strange noise for a few seconds about a good 6-8 then slams into gear but wont move . the truck was recently towed in park would this caues this or please i need real help im 19 and need to know whats broken and why it broke so i can tell if i will be abel to recive my buildeers warrenty

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### **keith**

6/10/2014, 9:38:35 PM

have 1997 chevy s10 with m30 4L60e automatic transmission with floor shifter and when started I try to engage shifter lever and it dies and voltage gauge shows to be discharging does anyone know what the problem is

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### **Brad**

6/23/2014, 7:07:06 AM

this one's a little different 1997 GMC rear wheel drive suburban 1500 transmission and engine rebuilt vehicle works perfect, transmission shifts beautifully in all gears. One minor problem, when the outside temperature reaches 80° or above transmission bumps when taking off from a stoplight, no slippage just a little bump. Have been told many different things, electrical problem mechanical valve problem in valve body, anybody got any suggestions?

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### **KENNETH**

6/27/2014, 10:43:45 AM

I have a 1993 chevrolet pick-up with a 4.3. Old farm truck that sat for some time. At first it would not shift out of 1st gear so I replaced the filter and cleaned the pan as well as looking at the solenoids. Now the truck only drives in OD but you can shift through the gears manually. Is this electrical or something more



severe? Any help will be greatly appreciated  
Thanks

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**avo**

6/29/2014, 5:02:24 PM

i have an envoy 2003 with a 6-cylinder engine and 4l60E trasmission, i rebuilt the transmission 4 months ago, after 2 months i had a problem with the generator(alternator) so i was obliged to jump the car for few times, after i repaired the generator, the car was in limph mode and the shift A solenoid was damaged. i repaired it. 1 month later the transmission pump was broken, i repaired it also. and now i have a delay during the shifts from 2nd to 3rd and a little of slipping, i replaced the solenoids after 15 minutes the solenoids are damaged again, and the problem has returned. someone has told me i need a new transmission. can anyone help me with this problem? is it an electrical problem? or it's the transmission? how i can solve it? it's been 4 months i have problem with this transmission.

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**Nick**

7/10/2014, 5:32:54 PM

I have a 2000 blazer I was under to today replacing rear brakes, dust shields, axle seals etc. in the process I spun the driveshaft only to find a squeaking sound coming from my 4L60-E.. any idea of what this could be? sounds like its coming from the input or output shaft.

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**Charles Holmes**

7/12/2014, 7:30:05 PM

I have a 2006 Chevrolet c1500 2wd 5.3ltr.

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### James

7/16/2014, 5:24:52 PM

So it started with a mis fire issue found out it was a loose distributor, now thinking all was well my 1998 Suburban did it again, while pulling a hill with a car load of people and camping gear it started shaking almost like it was a manual transmission and you put it in to high of a gear. But aside from that the transmission seems to shift fine 1-4 or at least It seems that way also I am noticing a whine going down the road now. Any suggestions? ideas would be appreciated  
thanks  
James

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### terry stiles

8/3/2014, 7:48:07 PM

Just helped a friend replace all suliniods in a 4l60e transmission. Still isn't shifting into 3rd gear. RpmS rapped to 5000 and still won't shift but will shift into overdrive. Need ideas on what else may be our problem?

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### Jeff Lowe

8/4/2014, 12:43:49 PM

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