

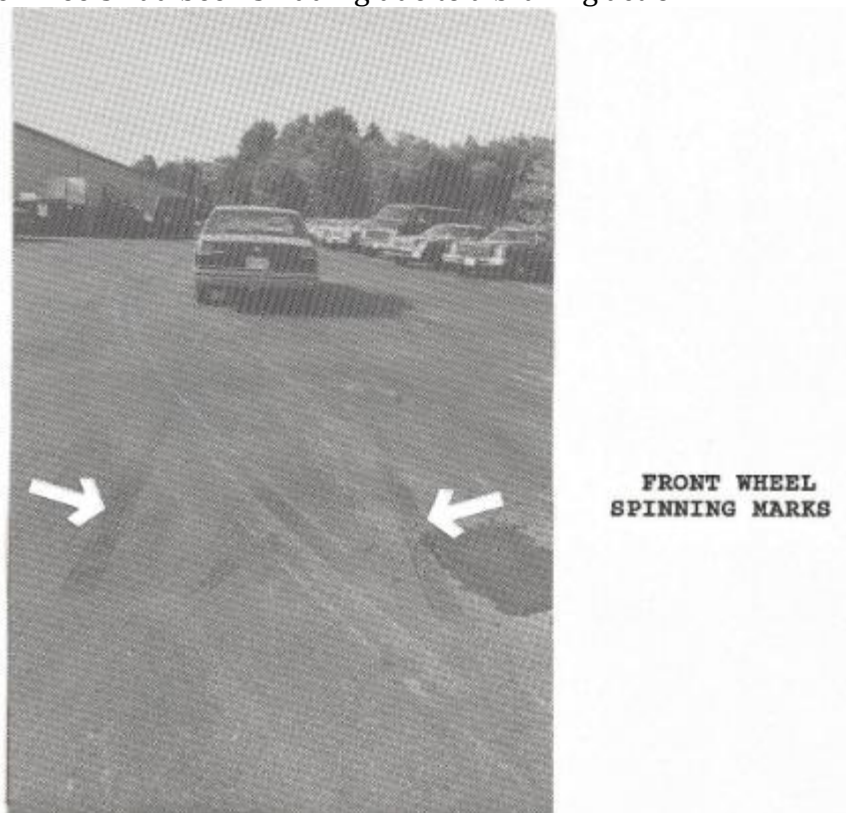
## “KEEPING PACE” - #36

### SKID MARKS OR SPINNING MARKS:

We have had a number of reported unintended acceleration cases where the adjuster and others were convinced that the brakes had been applied and thus that the vehicle could not have been caused by pedal misapplication, because the vehicle left “skid marks.”

In fact, these marks always turn out to be marks left by the spinning of the drive wheels, or acceleration marks. Many people do not realize that large front wheel drive vehicles can leave spinning or “burn” marks, especially when the tires are cold.

The photograph below shows the burn marks left by the front wheels of a 1987 Oldsmobile Delta 88. Of course, in grass or dirt, the drive wheels can spin even more easily, and leave marks which look as if the wheels had been skidding due to a braking action.



Sincerely,



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