

## 1957



Corvette sets another milestone with the 283 cubic-inch, V-8 teamed with options

speed manual transmission and fuel injection, achieved a surprising 283 horsepower. Thus Corvette became one of the first cars in automotive history to marry fuel injection with four-speed manual shift. While body styling remained the same as 1956, handling was improved in selected models through a heavy duty racing suspension, special front and rear springs and shocks, heavier front stabilizer bar and rear axle positraction Other innovations included finned brake drums, front brake air scoops, fresh air ducting to rear brakes and a mechanical tachometer mounted on the steering column.

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In all, 6,339 units were sold at a slightly increased price of \$3,176 for the basic car, doubling the preceding year's sales. Acceptance by the motoring public became evident. Attesting to the car's growing mass appeal was the formation of its first fan club... the Northern California Corvette Club became the first of many in the United States.

With fuel injection enhanced performance the 1957 was able to clock 0-60 in just 5.7 seconds; a quarter mile in 14.3 seconds, and record a top speed of 132mph.

That year, a Corvette won the 12 Hours at Sebring; the SCCA Class B/Sports, and SCCA Class B/Production Sports titles.