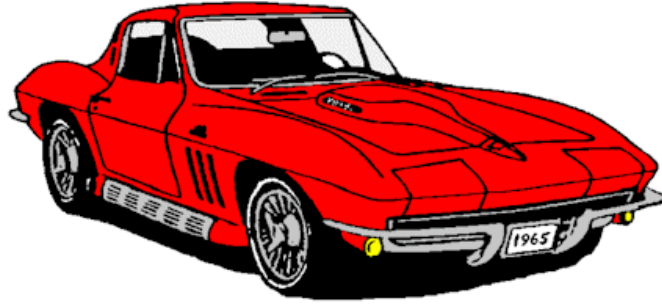


## 1965

Again, minor style changes were incorporated into 1965's models. Side front fender adapted to vertical slots; wheel rocker panel given even cleaner



changes were 1965's models. louvers were functional, covers and moldings were lines; hood

recesses were removed, and horizontal grill bars were painted black while outer trim rings remained dressed with chrome.

Under the hood was another matter. Corvette's "big block" engines entered the scene. The "Turbo Jet" V-8, which created a special bulge in the hood, was rated at 425 horsepower with 396 cubic-inch displacement. It also marked the end of temperamental small-block fuel injection systems that had been around since 1957. Four-wheel disc brakes became standard, but buyers could still choose drum brakes while supplies lasted.

Other popular options introduced in '65 were side-mount exhausts, goldwall nylon cord tires, telescoping steering columns and teakwood steering wheels. For convenience, an inside rearview mirror was also offered.

Model sales for the year climbed to 23,562 units. The basic coupe cost \$4,321 and the convertible, \$4,106.