1969

The '69 Corvette its immediate a number of in the 1968 were steering wheel was to allow drivers



looked much like predecessor, but complaints found addressed. The trimmed an inch greater ease of

access and egress; door panels were redesigned to add more shoulder room; the ignition switch was moved to the steering column; map pockets were installed in the instrument panel, and optional side exhausts were available.

The Stingray trade mark reappeared, as one word this time. Small block engine displacement increased to 350ci from 327ci, and wheel width increased from seven to eight inches for better stability.

Even though a strike closed the assembly line early in the year, when production resumed a total of 22,129 coupes and 16,633 convertibles were sent to market. Of significance was that 1969 marked the first year in which coupe manufacture outnumbered convertible/roadster production. The 250,000th Corvette was produced late in the year. The 38,762 production yield wouldn't be matched again until 1976.