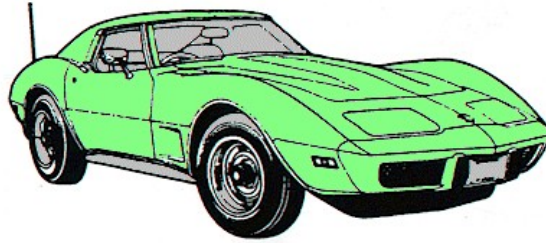


## 1976

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New was a partial steel underbelly that added rigidity and isolated the cockpit from engines tuned to run hotter, thereby increasing efficiency and compensating for emissions control-related power losses. New also was an air induction system, unique to the 1976 model, that pulled fresh air from above the radiator into the carburetor. Previous methods to draw outside air were from near the rear of the hood but this arrangement produced annoying noises inside the driver's compartment.

Aluminum wheels were finally a viable option. One version included four rims with a steel spare; another a five-wheel set with both the knock-off and bolt-on options popular in the mid-60s.

A new "sport" steering wheel, adapted from the Chevrolet Vega, was added; an in-glass rear window defogger replaced forced hot air, and GM's "freedom" battery -- a new sealed, maintenance free unit -- was included in all models.