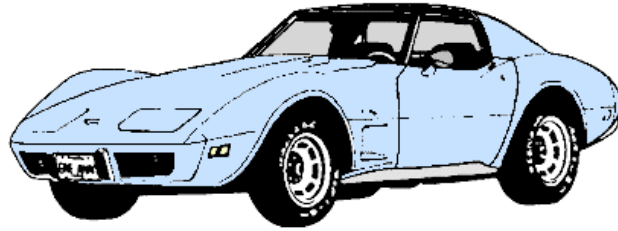


1977

Production rose to new record. Early in 500,000th Corvette line in St. Louis. The retailed for \$8,647,



49,213 coupes, a the year, the was driven off the basic coupe also a record.

Vinyl seats were out and leather was standard. Cloth seats with leather trim were also available at no extra cost. This would be the last year for the vertical rear window arrangement. The console was redesigned for greater depth to allow space for the positioning of heater and air conditioning controls along with standard Delco radio models.

A new column, which moved the steering wheel several inches closer to the instrument panel, permitted easier entry and exit and a more comfortable driving position. Tilt and telescoping functions for the steering wheel were an option again. The column also housed the headlight controls, and windshield wiper/washer switch. A longer manual gearshift was available and the automatic alarm activator was relocated from the driver-side fender to the driver-side door lock.

And for nostalgia buffs, it should be noted that the Stingray trade name also disappeared and was replaced by the crossed flags logo.