



Glossary

ABS

Anti-lock Braking System. Sensors monitor wheel rotation and prevent wheel lockup during braking by modulating hydraulic pressure.

ASR

Acceleration Slip Regulation

A-Pillar

The post section between the door glass and the windshield.

B-Pillar

The area between the door glass and the rear window.

Big Block

The large block engines (396, 427 and 454 cubic engines) optional in Corvettes from 1965 through 1974.

Bloomington Gold

A major Corvette show and gathering held annually since 1973. This popular annual Corvette show is known for its certification judging system based on factory originality. Held in Bloomington, Illinois 1973-92, then in Springfield, Illinois since 1993.

Blue Flame

The name of 235ci 6-cylinder engines between 1953 and 1955.

Bowling Green

Home of the National Corvette Museum.

C-1 thru C-5

Terms used to classify Corvette generations based on body styling.

C-1: First generation of Corvette (1953-1962).

C-2: Second generation of Corvette (1963-1967).

C-3: Third generation of Corvette (1968-1982).

C-4: Fourth generation of Corvette (1984-1996).

C-5: Fifth generation of Corvette (1997-).

Callaway - Engine conversion, often called "Callaway Twin Turbo," by Callaway Engineering, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Available through Chevrolet dealers since 1987.

Carlisle

Annual Corvette show at Carlisle, PA.

ci - Cubic inches. Refers to the amount of space in the engine cylinders. The larger the number, the larger the engine and power.

Classic - Corvette models 1953 through 1962.

Convertible

A Corvette with a fold-down soft top. Term "roadster" was used for the 1953-1955 Corvette.

Cypress

Annual Corvette show at Cypress Gardens, FL.

Duntov - Zora Arkus-Duntov, legendary chief engineer, called "father" of the Corvette. Also, the highest award of the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS).

FOA

Factory Optional Accessory.

Fuelie - The fuel-injected Corvettes of 1957 through 1965.

4 + 3

Four-speed manual trans with 3 overdrive gears from 1984-88.

Gold Certificate - Top Bloomington award for factory originality.

Gold Line Tires

Tires with gold striped sidewalls optional in 1965 & 1966.

IRS (Independent Rear Suspension)

Introduced in Corvette in '63.

Knock Offs

Optional cast aluminum wheels available from 1963-66.

L48

The base 350 cubic inch motor

L82

The performance 350cubic inch motor (1973 - 1980).

L98

Engine used from 86 until the LT-1 came out.

LPO

Limited Production Option

LT-1

Designation of the second-generation small block Chevrolet V8 used in 1970-72 & 1991-96

LT-4

The successor to the LT-1 in 1996

LT-5

The ZR-1 motor, built by Mercury Marine.

LS6

This is a big block motor with tons of power.

M20, M21

Muncie 4-speeds used in early Vettes.

M22

Another Muncie 4-speed, known as the "Rock Crusher".

Mid Year

Designation for the C2 generation of the Corvette (1963-67).

MTI (Multiport Tuned Injection)

Fuel injection system used from 1992 on.

NOS

New Old Stock, dated but un-used parts.

Pace Car

Limited edition replicas of the Indy 500 pace cars offered in 1978 and 1986.

Red Line Tires

Tires with red striped sidewalls optional in 1967 & 1969.

Roadster

Corvette convertibles. Term "roadster" is used esoterically for 1953-55 Vettes.

RPO

Regular Production Option

Side Pipes

Optional side mounted exhaust pipes offered 1965-67 & 69.

Silver Anniversary

Limited edition two-tone silver paint option offered in 1978 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Corvette.

Small Block

The small block engines (265, 283, 305, 327 and 350 cubic engines).

Solid Axle

Solid axle Corvette produced from 1953-62.

Split Window

Term used to describe the 1963 Corvette hard top coupes because of the split rear window.

Sting Ray

Logo of the 1963-67 Corvette.

Stingray

Logo of the 1969-76 Corvette.

Straight Axle

A Corvette built prior to '63 had a conventional rear suspension.

T-10

A Borg-Warner 4-speed used after the Muncies.

T-Top

Split removable roof panels from 1968-1982.

TH400R, TH700R4:

The 4-speed automatics (3-speed w/one overdrive gear).

TPI (Tuned Port Injection)

Fuel injection system used from 1985-91.

Turbo350

3-speed automatics used by GM.

Turbo400

400 unit is beefier than the 350 and has different gear ratios.

VIN

Vehicle Identification Number.

Waterfall

The area between the seats of 1953-1962 and 1997-1999 model years of Corvette which cascades down from the rear deck and sports the Corvette emblem.

Y-Car

The term used by General Motors to designate the automotive platform upon which the Corvette sports car is built. The Corvette has been a "Y-Car" since its inception in 1953. Prior to 1953, the Y-car designation was used to denote experimental platforms and models. The most notable were the Buick Y-Car's, which were inspired by Harley Earl.

ZF-6

The ZF-6 speed used since '89 up.

ZR-1

Special high-performance package optional from 1990-95 with special 32-valve overhead cam engine. Also, the LT1 Special Purpose Engine Package offered from 1970-72.

ZR-2

The LS6 Special Purpose Engine Package offered from 1970-72.