

## Zora Arkus-Duntov

If Harley Earl is the father of the Corvette, Zora Arkus-Duntov is its "godfather." Zora was the original chief engineer of the Corvette, but he also played an important role in bringing high performance to all of Chevrolet. When Zora joined GM in 1953, he brought remarkable skills. In December 1953, he penned a memo to his superiors at Chevrolet titled "Thoughts Pertaining to Youth, Hot Rodders, and Chevrolet." It said that GM needed to break Ford's monopoly on hot rods by developing their own high performance parts. Among Duntov's long list of unmatched contributions to the Corvette are the fuel-injection system, the Duntov cam and four-wheel disc brakes.