

# **North Shore Corvettes of MA**



## **Redline Newsletter**



## **January 2026**



## **63 Years and still going strong!**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE



I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season surrounded by family, friends and plenty of cheer. As we begin 2026, I want to thank each of you for your continued enthusiasm, generosity and dedication to the North Shore Corvettes of MA. This past year was filled with memorable drives, great meals, strong camaraderie, and countless moments that reminded me just how special this club truly is.

Our December activities-especially the Christmas Party-were a terrific way to wrap up 2025. Whether you were enjoying the music, catching up with fellow members, or taking home a raffle prize ( or two), it was a night that captured the spirit of our club perfectly. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success.

As we turn the page to a new year, we have plenty to look forward to. Winter may put our Corvettes into hibernation, but it certainly doesn't slow down the NSCM. We'll continue with our monthly dinners, meetings and social gatherings, giving us the chance to stay connected until cruising season returns. Behind the scenes, planning is already underway for spring events, charity initiatives, and some new activities we're excited to introduce.

Membership renewals are also underway, so please be sure to take a moment to send yours in. Your participation keeps our club strong and allows us to build on everything we've accomplished together.

Thank you once again for being part of this incredible community. Let's make 2026 another year of friendship, fun, and Corvette pride. I look forward to seeing you all soon and kicking off another great season together.

We welcome all member's input. This is your club, and we love hearing from you. Please make it a point to attend the monthly meetings so you can get all the details firsthand on what has happened so far and what is on the agenda moving forward. Now is the time to be fully engaged in club activities. Until then stay safe, stay well, and plan to participate!

Please e-mail our Cruise Directors Kirk Therrien, [kirk.therrien@cwservices.com](mailto:kirk.therrien@cwservices.com) or Jim Marchese, [jpm7871@comcast.net](mailto:jpm7871@comcast.net) with your suggestions.



“SAVE THE WAVE” Frank Puccia NSCM President.”

# Upcoming Events

North Shore Corvettes of MA

## **January 4– Bowling Night**

Kick off the new year with some friendly competition! Join fellow members for our first bowling night of 2026. It's a great way to shake off the winter chill and enjoy a fun evening together.

## **January 7 – E-Board Meeting**

The Executive Board will meet to review early-season planning, upcoming event schedules, and club business for the new year. E-Board members, please plan to attend.

## **January 14<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting, Saugus/Everett Elks, 401 Main St., Saugus, MA 6:30 PM**

Please join us as we begin the new year with important updates, upcoming events and club business discussions.

## **January 18 – Bowling Night**

Round two! Our second bowling night of the month offers another chance to gather with friends, share some laughs, and maybe even improve your score from earlier in the month.

## **January 20 – Dinner & Trivia at K-Pub (Saugus)**

Join us for an evening of good food and great fun at K-Pub in Saugus. Enjoy a relaxing dinner followed by trivia—always a club favorite. Bring your knowledge, your appetite, and your sense of humor!



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## NSCM EVENT CLUB CALENDAR:

**2026 - Mark your calendars,**

*The proposed events are tentative. There may be additions or deletions as we progress into the Cruise season.*

Red NSCM sponsored, Green Non-Club Sponsored

***KARS-N-KOFFEE WILL RETURN STARTING MAY 11TH 2025. An Impromptu Kars-N-Koffee Cruise-In from 9am to Noon every Sunday from May 11th thru October 12th, 2025 (Weather Permitting) @ 35 Lowell Street in Wilmington, MA 01867. Paved Parking with a Dunkin Donuts around the corner. Watch our website at <https://www.karsnkoffee.com> or our Facebook page for weekly Pictures and Future Events Status throughout the season***

*NSCM's scheduled events:*

*The proposed events are tentative. There may be additions or deletions as we progress into the Cruise season.*

# January 2026

**January 4<sup>th</sup> Bowling at the Metro Bowl, Foster St. Peabody, MA at 5:00 PM**

**January 7<sup>th</sup> E- Board Meeting at Prince, Saugus, 6:30 PM**

**January 14<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting, Saugus/ Everett Elks, 401 Main Street, Saugus, MA 6:30 PM.**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> Bowling at the Metro Bowl, Foster St. Peabody, MA at 5:00 PM**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> Monthly Dinner, K-Pub restaurant, Lincoln Ave., Saugus, MA 6:30 PM**

# **February 2026**

**February 1st Bowling at the Metro Bowl, Foster St. Peabody, MA at 5:00 PM**

**February 4th E- Board Meeting at Prince, Saugus, 6:30 PM**

**February 8<sup>th</sup> Bowling at the Metro Bowl, Foster St. Peabody, MA at 5:00 PM (Change of Date)**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> Monthly Dinner, Tremezzo's, 2 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA, 6:30 PM**

**February 11th Monthly Meeting, Saugus/ Everett Elks, 401 Main Street, Saugus, MA 6:30 PM.**

**February 21 to 23, Chocolate Festival, North Conway, NH. Eastern Slope Inn, 2760 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH.**



# March 2026

The rest of the Calendar is being updated  
and will be available in the March  
Newsletter

## **NSCM Meetings:**

*January 7th, NSCM E-Board Meeting, Prince, Saugus, MA at 6:30 PM*

*January 14th, NSCM Monthly Meeting,  
Saugus/Everett Elks, 401 Main Street, Saugus, MA at  
6:30 PM*

# December Recap – North Shore Corvettes of MA

December was a busy and memorable month for North Shore Corvettes as we wrapped up another fantastic year of friendship, events, and community spirit.



## **Annual Christmas Party – December 6**

Our holiday season kicked off with the always-popular Christmas Party, held once again at Teresa's Prime Crystal Room. Members enjoyed a wonderful evening filled with great food, music, raffles, and plenty of laughs. It was a terrific turnout and a perfect way to celebrate the end of our 2025 season. Thank you to everyone who helped plan, decorate, and run the event — your efforts truly shine each year.



## **Toys for Tots Collection**

At our November gathering, members contributed generously to the Toys for Tots drive. Your kindness helped bring joy to children across our community, and we're grateful to all who donated.



## **Monthly Dinner at the Hamilton Post**

Our December dinner at the Hamilton Post offered a warm, relaxed evening during the holiday rush. Members enjoyed good conversation, good food, and a chance to unwind before the big holiday weekend.



## **Christmas Carol Trolley Ride – December 14**

Several members hopped aboard the holiday trolley for a night of singing, lights, and festive fun. It was a cheerful and spirited outing that brought plenty of smiles and set the tone for the season.



## **Wrapping Up 2025**

Throughout December, our members shared camaraderie, laughter, and holiday cheer as we closed out an exciting and successful year. Thank you to everyone who participated in events and represented the club with pride all season long.





## **Member Spotlight**

***By: Linda Puccia***

***Total Membership 216***

***Joe & Jean DiPietro, 2018 Coupe, Watkins Glen Gray***

***Wally & Chyral Curette, 1983 Coupe, White***

***EJ Wiley, 2015 Coupe, Gray***

***Peter Bernard, 2004 Coupe, LeMans Blue***

***Robert Ellison, 2019 Coupe, Watkins Glen Gray***

***William Adreani, Jr., 2014 Convertible, White***

***Kristen Baez & Julie Taylor, 2018 Coupe, Red***

***Bill and Tama Gnerre, 2025, ERAY, Red Mist***

***Tony and Donna Maggio, 2013, Conv. Crystal Red***

***Dave and Lynsey Hurley, 1996, Coupe Sebring Silver***

***Ed Sokoloski, 2020, Convertible, Black***

***Robert DiNuccio, 2022 Convertible, Red Mist***

*Join us in celebrating December Birthday's*



Peter Bernard 1/31

Rick Yaffi 1/15

Deb Gaff 1/15

Chyral Curette 1/31

Frank Mead 1/4

Doug Chadbourne 1/21

Bill Morin 1/5

If you do not see your birthday on the list and wish to be included, please send your date of birth (month and day) to Paula Carroll  
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# Membership Application



NORTH SHORE CORVETTES OF MA, INC.



- (   ) **New Membership**                      1 or 2 People in the same household.                      **\$75.00**  
(   ) **Renewal**                                      1 Person   **(\$55.00)**                      or   2 People   **(\$60.00)**  
(Add a **Late Fee of \$10.00** after **January 31<sup>st</sup>** to **February 28<sup>th</sup>** for any renewals)  
**If a renewal is not received by March 1<sup>st</sup> the membership fee will be \$75.00**

PRINT the full names (first and last) of the one or two individuals within the same household that will hold the one or two votes. (Guests cannot vote) (PRINT as CLEARLY as POSSIBLE)

Vote 1 (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote 2 (first Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number    Home \_\_\_\_\_                      Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote 1    Email    Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote 2    Email    Address \_\_\_\_\_

Corvette Info: Year \_\_\_\_\_    Style: Roadster / Convertible (    )    Coup (    )    Color \_\_\_\_\_

I was a member(s) of North Shore Corvettes of Massachusetts, Inc. before.                      No (    )                      Yes (    )

Do you give permission to distribute all your club roster info to other NSCM members?                      No (    )                      Yes (    )

**Please Make check payable to: North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc. (NSCM)**  
**Mail to:**                      [North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc](#)  
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**IN WHAT CAPACITY WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE**  
(    ) Member                      (    ) E-Board                      (    ) Officer                      (    ) Other Committees

I / We have read and agree to abide by all the provisions set forth in the **NSCM Guidelines** including the **NSCM's Code of Ethics** as adopted by the **North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc.** E-Board and Membership.

(Voter 1) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Voter 2) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
Thank you for joining / rejoining the North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc. Save the Wave!



# Corvette Comedy



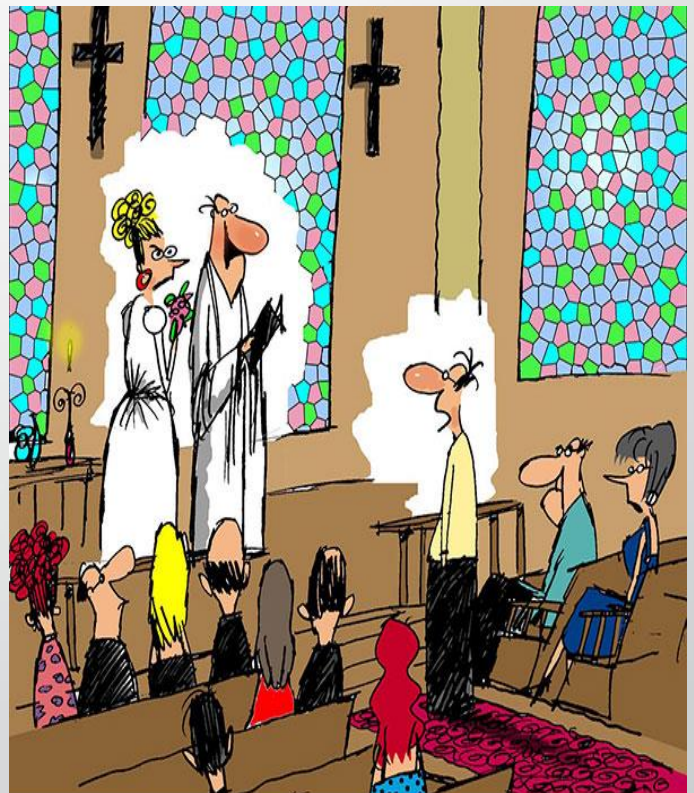
"I was hoping that our Christmas bonus would be more than a photo of our boss with his new Corvette."



"He dresses like a slob around me, but when he drives his Corvette, he wears nice clothes and shaves."



"I used to be the king's favorite until he bought a Corvette."



"The groom called to say he'll be late. He forgot he had an appointment to get maintenance done on his Corvette today."



# **January 2026 – National Corvette Museum** **Report**

submitted by Karen Blandini

## **A Piece of History**



## **Motor Trend's December 1953 Issue and the Corvette's Early Survival**

The Chevrolet Corvette debuted as a concept car at the 1953 GM Motorama in January. Visitors responded with enthusiasm. Chevrolet decided to put the car into production. The first Corvettes rolled off a temporary assembly line in Flint, Michigan, in June 1953. Only 300 units appeared that year, each hand-built and priced at \$3,498.

Sales started slowly. By late summer, dealers reported customer hesitation. The car had a fabric top that leaked, no roll-up windows, and no exterior door handles. Its Powerglide automatic transmission and 150-horsepower Blue Flame six-cylinder engine did not match the performance many buyers expected from a sports car. Unsold 1953 models sat on dealer lots into the fall. Chevrolet executives began to question the future of the program. Production plans for 1954 called for 1,000 units per month, yet fewer than 200 cars had sold in the first six months. Some inside General Motors suggested canceling the Corvette before heavier losses occurred.

Motor Trend magazine published its December 1953 issue during this uncertain period. Inside, a multi-page road test written by technical editor Don MacDonald appeared. MacDonald drove a Corvette from Los Angeles to Yosemite and back. He praised the car's fiberglass body, low weight, and precise steering. He noted the independent suspension provided handling that European sports cars struggled to match on American roads. Acceleration times and cornering ability received detailed attention. MacDonald acknowledged the side curtains and lack of roll-up windows, yet he presented these as acceptable trade-offs for a pure sports car design.

The article included photographs of the Corvette on mountain roads and at high speeds. Comparison charts placed the Corvette against MG, Jaguar, and Triumph models. In most performance categories, the Chevrolet equaled or surpassed its imported rivals, often at a lower price.

Dealers later reported that customers brought copies of the Motor Trend issue into showrooms. Many buyers cited the article as a key reason for their purchase. Orders increased in early 1954. Chevrolet raised 1954 production from the original 1,000-unit plan to meet demand. The December 1953 Motor Trend coverage provided third-party validation at a moment when Chevrolet needed it most. Positive press from a respected automotive publication helped shift public perception. Buyers saw the Corvette as a credible competitor to established European brands.

Without the timing and tone of Motor Trend's December 1953 coverage, the Corvette story might have ended after a single model year. Instead, the magazine's endorsement gave Chevrolet the confidence and customer interest needed to continue production into 1954 and beyond. The Corvette enters its eighth decade because a magazine road test arrived when the car needed support most.

## **National Corvette Museum Announces 2026 Programming**

### **New Exhibition: Driven To Preserve**

Opening March 12, 2026, Driven to Preserve is rooted in the Museum's mission to collect, preserve, and share the legacy of America's Sports Car. The exhibition highlights the methods, decisions, and values that guide the Museum's stewardship of its collection. More than a dozen rarely seen Corvettes and interpretive displays will showcase how staff manage the movement of vehicles, catalog objects, and care for rare materials in a way that aligns with museum standards. Vehicles on view will include a 2003 Corvette Z06 Callaway, a 2006 Corvette Z06 Lingenfelter Twin Turbo, and a 2011 Corvette ZR1.



## **New Expanded Corvette Hall of Fame**

The National Corvette Museum's expanded and reimagined Corvette Hall of Fame shines a brighter spotlight on the incredible individuals who have shaped the Corvette legacy. Anchored by the freshly preserved 1974 Stingray—the only Corvette owned by “Godfather of the Corvette” and Hall of Fame inductee Zora Arkus-Duntov—this revitalized space celebrates the passion, innovation, and contributions of Hall of Fame members in a way that captures their stories like never before.

## **New Collections Facility**

A new 66,000-square-foot collections facility is under construction on the Museum campus. When completed in 2026, the building will provide dedicated space for long-term storage, vehicle preservation, and artifact conservation. Beginning in early 2027, the facility will also serve as an educational setting where visitors can take guided tours of the facility and witness firsthand how the Museum cares for its growing collection.

## **New Events and Adventures**

The National Corvette Museum is set to make 2026 a landmark year with more than 20 sponsored events celebrating Corvette culture across the country and around the globe. Highlights include the return of the R8C Reunion (June 25–27), honoring the more than 20,000 Corvette owners who participated in the Museum's delivery program, and two of the Museum's signature gatherings: the Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash (April 23–25) and the Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Induction (September 3–5). From the scenic routes of the Kentucky One Lap to Museum in Motion tours to Daytona International Speedway, 2026 promises unmatched experiences for Corvette enthusiasts worldwide.

## **November 2026: Military Appreciation Month**

The National Corvette Museum will once again thank active duty, retired, and veteran military members for their service with free admission throughout November as part of our Military Appreciation Month celebration. 2026 will also welcome the return of Vets 'n Vettes to the NCM Motorsports Park. Since 2008, this event has united veterans, Corvette drivers, and patriots for an event that includes track time, scenic drives, and participation in the Bowling Green, KY, Veteran's Day Parade.

## **Educational Programming for the Next Generation**

The McMichael Family Education Center provides hands-on exhibits and activities that support learning in automotive design and engineering. The Museum will offer expanded educational programs and new learning opportunities in 2026 to continue this work and reach new audiences.

## **Delivery Experience for All Generations**

2025 was a banner year for Corvette and the National Corvette Museum Delivery programs. The popular R8C factory delivery option achieved a new milestone with 20,000 deliveries at the Museum, including the first eighth-generation ZR1s delivered through the R8C program.

For Corvette owners of any generation, the National Corvette Museum Delivery Experience provides the same VIP experience as an R8C Delivery: the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have your Corvette displayed inside the National Corvette Museum.

### **More Plant Tours Announced for 2026**

Bowling Green Assembly Plant tours are returning for three weeks in February. This is a rare opportunity to be among the first visitors of 2026 to watch the eighth-generation Corvette being assembled. Availability is limited.

Please note, Tuesdays are not available for booking in February at this time.

- February 9–13
- February 16–20
- February 23–27
- April 20–24

### **Tour Times (All Weeks)**

8:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 9:15 AM, 9:45 AM, 10:15 AM  
11:15 AM, 11:45 AM, 12:15 PM, 12:45 PM  
1:15 PM, 1:45 PM, 2:15 PM

To see the schedule and book a tour, visit the museum website.



## **Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash** **April 23-25, 2026**

Celebrate America's Sports Car at the 29th Annual Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash! Join fellow enthusiasts for scenic road tours, expert-led seminars, and GM tech sessions. Explore the latest exhibits and shine up your ride for the Museum-judged car show. Registration opens January 2026. Stay tuned for details! Questions? Please call Events Specialist Maci Johnson at (270) 467-8804 or Events Administrative Assistant Melissia Comer at (270) 777-4556.

Registration opens January 2026. Stay tuned!

**RAFFLES, RAFFLES, RAFFLES**



2026 Red Mist Corvette Coupe

Price: \$100.00 Tickets: 2000

Drawing: January 22, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time





2026 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000

Price: \$250.00 Tickets: 1000

Drawing: February 12, 2026 2:00 PM

Central Time



2026 Blade Silver Corvette Convertible

Price: \$200.00 Tickets: 1500

Drawing: Mar 5, 2026 2:00 PM Central  
Time




2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe

Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: April 25, 2026 2:00 PM

Central Time



To purchase any of these raffle tickets, you must go to the NCM website, download the raffle ticket form, and mail it. The museum will confirm your purchase.



# Photo Corner



## 🔧 Tech Tip of the Month

*Modern Vettes are already weapons from the factory, but a few smart tech add-ons can make daily driving safer, road trips easier, and track days more insightful. We pulled in forum and Reddit chatter to keep this practical and owner-approved.*

### *Smarter Visibility With a Dual Dash Cam*



Corvettes attract attention—sometimes the wrong kind. Protecting your ride on the road and when parked should be high on your list. A [dual dash cam](#) is the simplest “set it and forget it” insurance you can add. Unlike single-lens cams, a dual setup records both the front and rear views at once, covering you for parking lot bumps, highway merges, or aggressive tailgaters.

### **Corvette-specific tips**

- In C5/C6 models, use a low-profile mount so you don't block the passenger's line of sight.
- In C7/C8 models, route the rear cam cable along the passenger-side sill into the hatch for a stealthy, factory-like install.
- Hardwire kits with voltage cutoffs are recommended if you want 24/7 parking mode without risking a dead battery.

## Phone Power & Mounting That Actually Works in a Vette



Some C8 owners complain the factory wireless pad is awkward or inconsistent with larger phones and cases. Many simply revert to a wired plug for speed and reliability.

### Corvette-specific tips

- C8 owners: if the factory pad annoys you, mount your phone higher (line-of-sight) and feed power from a PD adapter; several forum users report better results and less fumbling.

### Heads-Up Display: Add One (or Augment It)





Did you know that the C5 Corvette already had a HUD? It was first offered as an option in 1998 and projected speed, RPM, oil pressure, among other vitals up onto the windscreen in front of the driver.

The C6 HUD wasn't standard on every trim (it came with 3LT), and many older models lack it entirely. If you want the "eyes-up" experience without a full dash swap, OBD-II HUDs and compact gauge displays are the easy path.

## **Infotainment Upgrades for C5/C6 (CarPlay/AA Without the Pain)**



If you're still rocking stock Bose in a C5/C6, a modern head unit transforms the car: wireless CarPlay/AA, backup camera input, and cleaner Bluetooth calling.

### **Install pointers**

- C5s typically need a double-DIN bezel/kit (Metra or custom), plus a data interface for chimes/retained power. CorvetteForum has detailed walkthroughs that de-mystify the trim and HVAC relocation.
- For C6, camera routing is straightforward and there are many owner videos showing clean USB pass-throughs into the console.



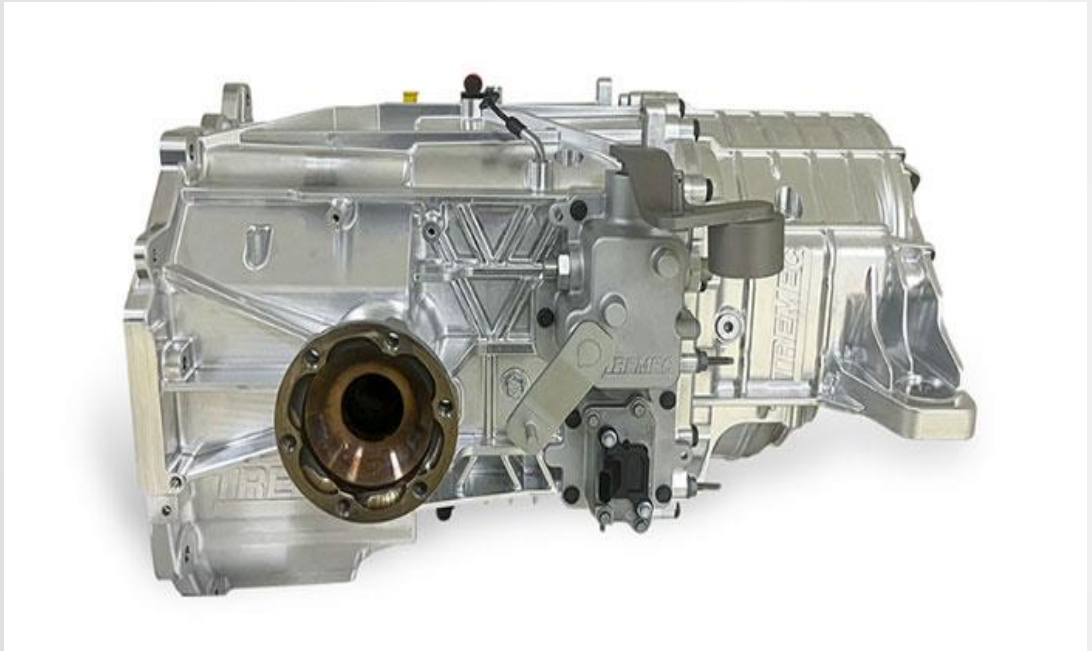


## Final Word

The right tech should disappear when you're driving—enhancing safety, cutting clutter, and surfacing the info you need without drama. Start with protection, then solve power and phone placement, then choose either HUD/gauges or infotainment depending on your generation. When you're ready to chase PBs, grab a data tool the community already trusts.

# Corvette News

TREMEC Just Released a Manual 6-Speed Transmission with the Same Mounting Points of the C8's DCT



Despite all the features available on the [C8 Corvette](#), there are some enthusiasts out there who just refuse to come to terms over the lack of a manual transmission. And who can blame them when there is nothing more fun than rowing through the gears of a manual Corvette?

Corvette engineers did look into equipping the mid-engine C8 Corvette with a manual gearbox, but as we've heard time and again, it simply came down to economics. By the time the C8 Corvette was in the process of development, GM was already sourcing an advanced dual-clutch automatic transmission from TREMEC and the costs and packaging requirements to do a separate manual transmission would simply make it too costly for the estimated 15% of buyers it would garner.

Here's what Executive Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter told [Motor Authority](#) just after the C8's reveal in July 2019:

*"We couldn't find anybody honestly who'd be willing to do it. Because just like the automatic, the DCT, it would have to be a bespoke manual," Tadge said. "It's low volume, very expensive. The reason is it's a low-volume industry. That industry is dying—building manual transmissions."*

*"Every year it goes down, down, down, down," he said.* The Dual Clutch Transmission for the C8 Corvette was developed with TREMEC and the units are built in Wixom, Michigan. That DCT was also a challenge according to Tadge because no one was making an off-the-shelf transaxle DCT with just the right dimensions. *"We don't just find a DCT, an 8-speed DCT that plugs into this architecture with the right dimensions,"* he noted. Now that we are seven years into the C8 era, TREMEC is making news once again as they have just revealed a new transaxle 6-Speed Manual Transmission that offers the same packaging requirements, and more importantly, it uses the same mounting points of the C8. According to the [official press release](#), "Gear shifts are controlled via cable that connects to the shift mechanism on the left side of the transaxle."

Speed	Teeth Count	Speed Ratio	Final Ratio	Step
1st	23	2.565	12.536	1.459
	59			
2nd	29	1.759	8.594	1.442
	51			
3rd	41	1.220	5.960	1.390
	50			
4th	49	0.878	4.289	1.344
	43			
5th	49	0.653	3.191	1.285
	32			
6th	61	0.508	2.484	
	31			
Rev	19	2.632	12.860	
	31			
	50			

FD	37	1.378
	51	
Diff	11	3.545
	39	

TREMEC says that by offering the new 6-speed manual in the same size and mounting points allows builders to use available factory Corvette components. The estimated ratings for it are 800 lb-ft of torque and 1,000 horsepower with engines capable of up to 8,600 RPM! Say, that's Z06 territory...are you thinking what I'm thinking?



Of course, one of the major problems with shoe-horning this new 6-speed manual into your C8 Corvette might come down to electronics as the Global B electrical systems in the Corvette all talk to each other, and the data generated is used in all aspects of the cars performance. Removing the transmission from that equation will most likely lead to many other issues.

Having said that, we've met a lot of smart, crafty people in the Corvette hobby over the years, and if there is any group of enthusiasts who can overcome these challenges of doing a manual C8 transmission swap, it's one of you guys. We're just waiting for that "hold my beer" moment because the people or company that can actually pull this off would have the gratitude of Corvette enthusiasts forever!

### Could This Be The Design Of The C9 Corvette?

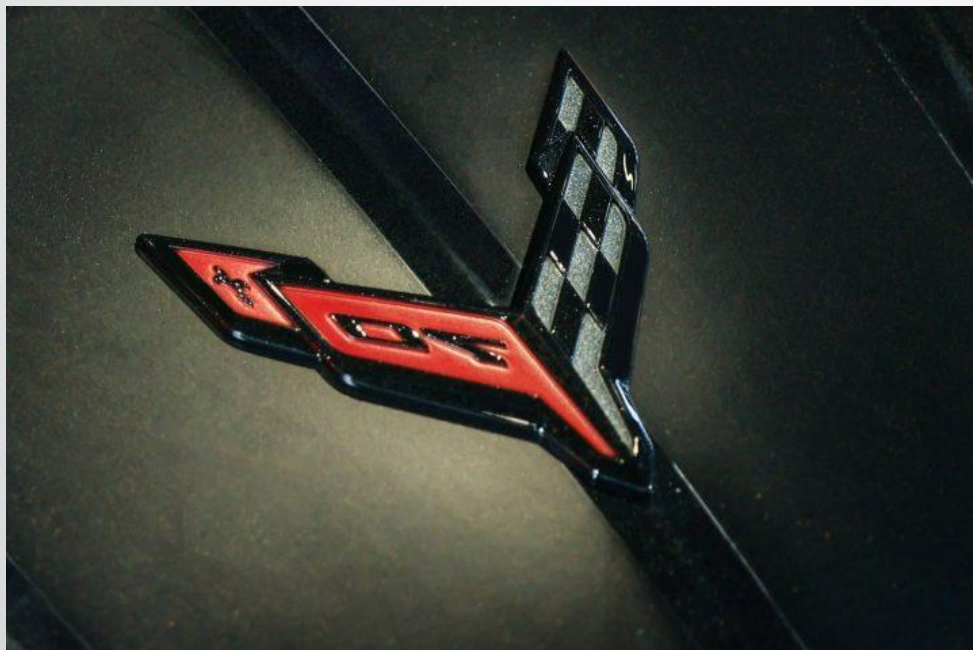


An image spotted at GM's "Tomorrow's Vision Today" design gallery reveals what could be an early styling concept for the next-generation [C9 Corvette](#).

The photo was shared on social media and depicts a low-slung, wide-bodied supercar that carries an unmistakable [Corvette](#) flair, but with several radical new styling cues that push the brand's design language into new territory.

At first glance, we spot slim taillights, with an angular, horizontal layout that's stretched across a sculpted rear fascia. The fenders flare aggressively outward in dramatic fashion. Unlike several [other recent GM concepts](#) that appear to embrace all-electric propulsion, this particular design appears to retain a space for exhaust tips, giving us hope that it represents a gas-powered or hybrid model.

A central spine runs from the roofline down through the rear deck, while the lower half hints at a large rear diffuser. The rear glass taper and subtle flying-buttress design elements recall the current [C8](#), but the proportions are even more extreme, with the body appearing lower, wider, and more race-focused than before. Notably, the car in the image appears to wear a crossed flags badge, which would confirm its connection to the Corvette nameplate. However, the lighting, surface treatment, and proportions mark a clear step forward.



Instead, GM's immediate focus when it comes to an electrified Vette lies with hybridized performance, as such as with the [Corvette ZR1X](#). Nevertheless, if this design concept does indeed hint at the C9 Corvette, we can, at the very least, expect even more aggressive supercar styling and possibly some form of internal combustion.

## GM Introduces the Stingray Protection Package for 2026 Corvette Stingrays

A recent Distribution Update on the [2026 Corvette Order Guide](#) turned us on to a new options package offered by Chevrolet for the [2026 Corvette Stingray](#). Chevrolet has bundled several different options together to create the Stingray Protection Package which retails for \$1,195.

Here is what options are included and how much you can save by ordering them together as a package.

The Stingray Protection Package includes these three LPO Options:

- (VWE) Black honeycomb-design front radiator grille screens
- (STI) Black composite rocker extensions
- (VQK) Black front and rear splash guards

The Order Guide shows it available across all three of the Stingray's Trim Packages for both Coupe and Convertible models with these two exceptions:

- 1 – Not available with (5V7) Black Ground Effects, LPO.
- 2 – Not available with 5V7, 5VM, 5W8.

The PCU Stingray Protection Package retails for \$1,195 when ordered with your new 2026 Corvette and you can find it at the top of the Options tab on the [Build and Buy Configurator](#) under Packages. If you were to order these separately, the combined three options would retail for \$1,405. So you are saving \$210 by going with the package.

As Corvette buyers take the protection of their dream cars pretty seriously, this Stingray Protection Package should be under consideration for those who want that protection on Day 1 of ownership when you take delivery instead of relying on aftermarket parts once the car is received. Thanks, Chevy!!



## Here's Why GM Removed The 2026 Corvette Coupe's Rear Window Defogger

The [2026 Corvette](#) debuts several important updates, including [a new cabin layout](#), as well as the [launch of the new ZR1X hybrid](#). In addition, the 2026 [Corvette](#) Coupe [no longer includes a rear window defogger](#), as *GM Authority* reported earlier this month. As such, we reached out to General Motors for an explanation. Here's what The General had to say.

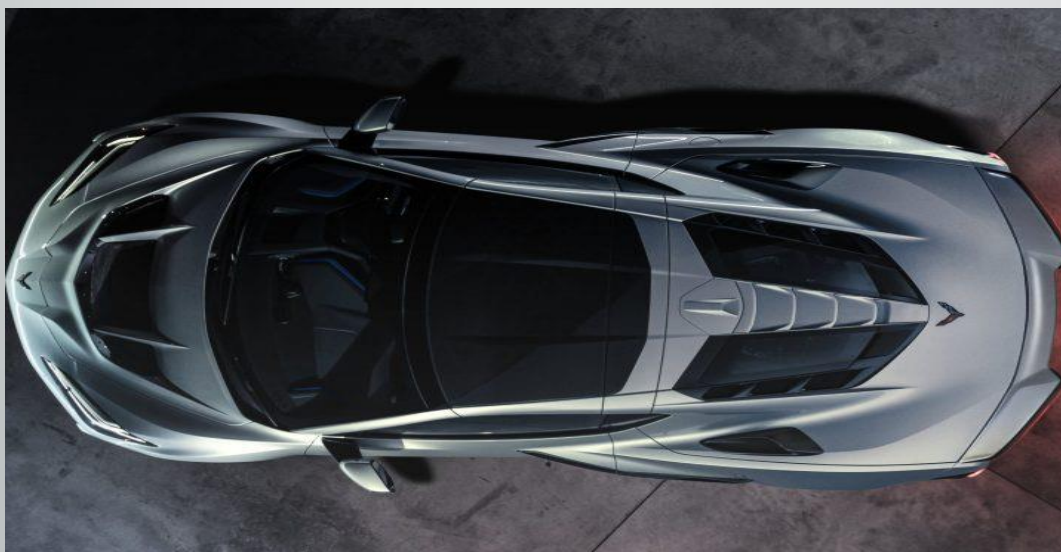


As expected, the reason GM deleted this feature comes down to redundancy:

"The rear defogger was removed for 2026 Corvette Coupe models. It was determined that the engine supplied enough heat to defog/defrost the rear glass on its own," General Motors told *GM Authority*.

As reported previously, the defogger button is still functional.

"The rear defogger button on the center console will turn on the heated side mirrors on Coupe models and will still turn on the functional rear glass defogger on Convertible models," General Motors confirmed.



In other words, the Corvette Coupe's [mid-engine](#) layout naturally provides sufficient heat to clear the rear glass without the need for a dedicated electric defogger grid. With the C8's V8 engine positioned just inches from the rear window, the airflow and radiant warmth generated by the engine bay can handle the job without breaking a sweat. Meanwhile, the 2026 Corvette Convertible retains a traditional rear defogger, given its retractable hardtop design.

Beyond changes to the rear defogger, the 2026 Corvette also ushers in an overhauled cabin space with new infotainment features. Every C8 variant now features a new 12.7-inch center touchscreen, a 14-inch driver information center, and an auxiliary 6.6-inch display, forming an immersive wraparound cockpit layout centered on the driver. Also notable is the launch of the new C8 ZR1X, which pairs the twin-turbocharged [5.5L V8 LT7](#) gasoline engine from the C8 [ZR1](#) with a front-mounted electric motor similar to what powers the C8 [E-Ray](#). The combination is good for more than 1,200 horsepower, with all-wheel grip to put it down. All C8 variants ride on the GM Y2 platform, while vehicle production takes place exclusively at the [GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant](#) in Kentucky.

## 2026 Corvette Stingray Redesign The Most Affordable Mid Engine Supercar Revealed!



The 2026 Corvette Stingray isn't just another sports car it's a bold reminder that high performance doesn't have to come with a sky-high price tag. Chevrolet has reimagined the Stingray with a sharper, more aggressive mid-engine layout, advanced aerodynamics, and modern tech that rivals European supercars all while keeping it surprisingly affordable.

The Stingray has always symbolized American muscle and innovation, and the 2026 redesign takes that legacy to a new level. With its exotic proportions and refined engineering, it’s turning heads and redefining what “affordable performance” really means.

**How the 2026 Corvette Stingray Redesign Changes Everything**

The most noticeable update is the exterior. The 2026 model features sleeker lines, a lower stance, and improved airflow dynamics that not only enhance looks but also performance. A wider rear end and sculpted side intakes give it the appearance of a true mid-engine exotic think Ferrari or McLaren vibes, but at a fraction of the cost.

Inside, drivers get a cockpit designed for thrill and comfort. Expect premium leather, a digital driver display, wireless connectivity, and improved ergonomics that make long drives just as enjoyable as track days.

**When the 2026 Corvette Stingray Will Be Released**

Chevrolet plans to roll out the 2026 Corvette Stingray in late 2025, with pre-orders expected to begin around mid-2025. While official pricing hasn’t been confirmed, early reports suggest a starting price near \$68,000–\$70,000 USD, which is remarkable for a car offering mid-engine power and luxury features typically found in vehicles costing twice as much.

Event	Expected Date
Official Reveal	Mid-2025
Pre-orders Open	Mid to Late 2025
Deliveries Begin	Late 2025 to Early 2026

**What’s Under the Hood – The Power Explained**

Chevrolet continues to impress with performance engineering. The 2026 Stingray is expected to feature an updated 6.2-liter LT2 V8 engine, pushing out around 500 horsepower and 470 lb-ft of torque.



That power goes straight to the rear wheels through an 8-speed dual-clutch transmission, delivering lightning-fast shifts and a 0–60 mph time rumored to be under 3 seconds. It’s raw power blended with modern control perfect for both enthusiasts and newcomers to high-performance driving.

**Why the 2026 Corvette Stingray Is the Best Value Mid-Engine Sports Car**

When you compare the Corvette Stingray to its competitors, the value becomes clear. Here’s a quick comparison:

Model	Engine	0–60 mph	Starting Price
2026 Corvette Stingray	6.2L V8	~2.9 sec	~\$70,000
Porsche 911 Carrera	3.0L Twin-Turbo Flat-6	~3.8 sec	~\$120,000
McLaren Artura	3.0L V6 Hybrid	~3.0 sec	~\$240,000
Ferrari F8 Tributo	3.9L Twin-Turbo V8	~2.8 sec	~\$280,000

The Corvette’s performance-per-dollar ratio is unbeatable. It’s the kind of car that lets you live the supercar dream without the supercar budget.

**How Chevrolet Perfected the Mid-Engine Formula**

Moving the engine to the middle wasn’t just about looks it was about balance. The mid-engine design improves handling, weight distribution, and acceleration. The Stingray feels planted through corners and more responsive at high speeds.

Chevrolet engineers also tuned the suspension and steering for both track precision and daily usability. So whether you’re cruising downtown or hitting the highway, it feels smooth, stable, and exciting.

## **Common Mistakes People Make When Judging the Corvette Stingray**

A common misconception is that the Corvette is only for “older drivers” or “weekend racers.” The 2026 redesign smashes that stereotype. Its sleek aesthetics, cutting-edge infotainment, and tech-savvy features appeal to younger buyers too.

Another mistake is comparing it only to previous Corvettes the 2026 Stingray belongs in the same conversation as global supercars.

### **Best Reasons to Choose the 2026 Corvette Stingray**

If you’re considering a performance car in 2026, here’s why the new Stingray deserves a top spot:

Exotic design at a realistic price.

V8 performance that outshines pricier imports.

Driver-focused interior with modern tech.

Trusted reliability from Chevrolet.

Excellent resale value compared to other sports cars.

It’s not just about speed it’s about feeling that perfect mix of power, control, and value every time you drive.

### **The Latest Updates in the 2026 Corvette Stingray**

Rumors suggest Chevy may offer optional hybrid assistance or performance packages for the 2026 lineup, including enhanced aerodynamics, lightweight carbon fiber parts, and track-ready tires.

Expect more customization options too new colors, interior trims, and performance modes that cater to individual driving styles.

### **Conclusion**

The 2026 Corvette Stingray proves you don’t need to spend a fortune to own a true mid-engine masterpiece. With its bold redesign, powerful V8 heart, and refined comfort, it delivers supercar excitement at a price everyday enthusiasts can actually reach.

If you’ve ever dreamed of owning an exotic car that blends power, style, and practicality this might be your moment.

### **FAQs About the 2026 Corvette Stingray**

#### **1. When will the 2026 Corvette Stingray be available?**

It’s expected to launch in late 2025, with pre-orders opening mid-year.

**2. What engine does the 2026 Corvette Stingray have?**

It's likely to feature a 6.2L LT2 V8 producing around 500 horsepower.

**3. Why is the Corvette Stingray considered affordable?**

It offers supercar-level performance and design for roughly \$70,000, far below European competitors.

**4. How fast is the 2026 Corvette Stingray?**

It's expected to go from 0–60 mph in under 3 seconds quicker than many cars twice its price.

**5. Can the Corvette Stingray be used as a daily driver?**

Yes, its comfort features, visibility, and smooth transmission make it surprisingly practical for everyday use.

Brand-New 2026 Corvette Zora Convertible: Ultimate Luxury Design, Powerful Pickup, Powerful Engine, Price, Features



The 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Zora Convertible is dropping soon, and it's like Chevy took everything great about the Corvette and cranked it to eleven. Named after the legend Zora Arkus-Duntov, who basically invented the modern 'Vette, this beast mixes old-school muscle with some smart hybrid tricks. It's not just fast—it's a whole vibe for anyone who wants luxury on four wheels. Let's dive in.



## **Sleek Lines and Plush Vibes: The Ultimate Luxury Design**

Picture this: wind in your hair, sun on your face, and a car that looks like it belongs in a movie. The Zora Convertible keeps that iconic Corvette shape but adds some fresh twists. Spy shots show a body that's all curves and aggression, with carbon fiber bits everywhere to keep it light yet tough. The top folds away quick, so you're open-air in seconds. Inside, Chevy ditched that old wall of buttons for something way more chill. It's airier now, like a fighter jet cockpit that actually lets you breathe. Think soft leather seats that hug you just right, Alcantara dashes for that premium feel, and accents in colors that pop. It's luxury without the stuffy suit-and-tie nonsense—perfect for cruising Pacific Coast Highway or showing off at a car meet. This design screams “I’m here to play, but in style.”

## **Zero to Thrill in Seconds: Blistering Powerful Pickup**

Nothing beats that launch feeling, right? The Zora's got pickup that'll glue you to the seat. We're talking all-wheel drive from a front electric motor teaming up with the rear wheels. Estimates say 0-60 mph in under two seconds—yeah, you read that right. It's smoother than your average sports car, thanks to that hybrid setup grabbing gears without the jerk.

On the road, it handles like a dream. Adjustable suspension lets you tweak it for twisty backroads or straight-line sprints. Top speed? Rumors point over 215 mph, but who needs that when everyday drives feel this alive? It's powerful pickup that doesn't just accelerate—it transforms how you see the drive.

## **Heart-Pounding Beast: The Powerful Engine Under the Hood**

At the core is a monster: Chevy's twin-turbo 5.5-liter V8 belting out 1,064 horses and 828 pound-feet of torque. Then they slap on an electric motor up front for another 160 hp or so, pushing totals past 1,200. It's like strapping a rocket to America's favorite sports car.

This hybrid mill isn't just brute force—it's smart. Electric boost fills in for instant torque, and it sips fuel better than you'd think for something this wild. Cooling systems keep it chill during long hauls, whether you're at the track or just bombing down I-95. The engine roars like a lion, but with AWD grip, you stay planted. Pure power, American style.

## **Wallet Check: What's the Price Tag Look Like?**

Dream cars cost a pretty penny, and the Zora's no exception. Base price for the convertible starts around \$210,000, give or take. That's a jump from the ZR1's \$175K, but hey, you're getting hybrid wizardry and that drop-top freedom. Fully loaded with extras like fancy paints or track packs? Could hit \$280,000 easy.



Chevy might limit how many they build, so expect waitlists and maybe some dealer markups. But compared to Euro rivals like a Ferrari at double the dough, it's a steal for this much thrill. Worth saving up for if you're serious about supercar life.

### **Tech and Toys: Standout Features That Wow**

The Zora packs features that'll make tech geeks grin. A bigger central screen—maybe 10 inches—runs everything from nav to tunes, angled just right for both seats. Digital gauges are sharp as a tack, and voice commands keep your hands free.

Safety's covered with adaptive cruise, lane-keeping, and cameras everywhere. Multiple drive modes let you switch from comfy tourer to track terror. Oh, and that hybrid battery means silent stealth mode for sneaking out of the garage. Convertible perks include a trunk that still swallows weekend bags. It's loaded, but not overwhelming—features that enhance the fun, not distract from it.

GM is Now Making New 2025 & 2026 Corvette Owners Confirm Fluid Change Intervals at Purchase It looks like General Motors is dropping yet another Customer Acknowledgement Form for buyers of 2025 and [2026 Corvettes](#) to sign off on before taking delivery.


Our friends at the [MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](#) recently shared this photo showing the new form for 2026 buyers which the customer will acknowledge the service intervals for the motor oil and transmission canister filters which are both covered under warranty.

It looks to be the same policy for the transmission canister filters which was [instituted with the 2024 model year](#) in which you need to schedule an appointment at a Chevrolet dealer within three years of ownership and when you are between 7,000-8,000 miles. The desired mileage is 7,500 but they give you 500 on either side. As we have stated, it has to be done at a Chevrolet dealer so that it's noted in the official service records. Failure to do so could lead to a denied warranty claim later on.


The covered Oil Change can be done within two years of ownership and it also includes tire rotation and a Multi-Point Vehicle Inspection.

The post on MECF says there is also a form for 2025 buyers and that dealers will retain a copy of the acknowledgement letter in the customer's deal jacket showing they signed off on it.

Here's the full Customer Acknowledgement form:



CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM



Congratulations on your 2026 or newer Chevrolet Corvette! You are now part of the Chevrolet Complete Care program.

This program provides peace of mind with the following included benefits:

One (1) covered **OIL CHANGE** visit within 2 years of ownership<sup>1</sup> which includes:

- Oil and filter change using Mobil1® oil and ACDelco oil filter
- Tire Rotation
- Multi-Point Vehicle Inspection (MPVI)

One (1) covered **TRANSMISSION CANISTER FILTER CHANGE** within 3 years of ownership which includes:

- ACDelco Transmission filter change at 7,500 miles (+/- 500 miles)

First Oil Change Appointment \_\_\_\_\_ (Date and Time)

**Chevrolet Complete Care owner benefits also include:**

- 5 years/60,000-miles<sup>2</sup> Powertrain Limited Warranty
- 3 years/36,000-miles<sup>2</sup> Bumper-to-Bumper Limited Warranty
- 5 years/60,000-miles<sup>2</sup> 24-hour Roadside Assistance<sup>3</sup>
- 5 years/60,000-miles<sup>2</sup> Courtesy Transportation Available
- 6 years/100,000-miles<sup>2</sup> Rust-through Corrosion Limited Warranty

**Please note:** For 2026 Corvette ZR1 and ZR1X, an additional customer retention acknowledgment form is required.

For any questions, please contact Chevrolet Customer Assistance | Phone: 1-800-222-1020.

Delivery Date \_\_\_\_\_ Dealer BAC Code \_\_\_\_\_

Dealership Name \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Dealership Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

1. Service visit must occur within the first 24 months of ownership. See Owner Manual for details.

2. Whichever comes first. See dealer for details.

3. Roadside service provided by Allstate Roadside Services. Limitations apply.

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There is also a line on the document reminding the sales rep that customers also have to sign a Retention Acknowledgement Form if they are buying a 2026 Corvette ZR1 or ZR1X. That's the no-flip policy that hasn't really been all that effective as we've seen half a dozen ZR1s flipped already while dealers are holding private auctions and doing other shenanigans. Luckily, Chevrolet has ended the retention policies for the Z06 or E-Ray so one less form to sign at check-out for those buyers!



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