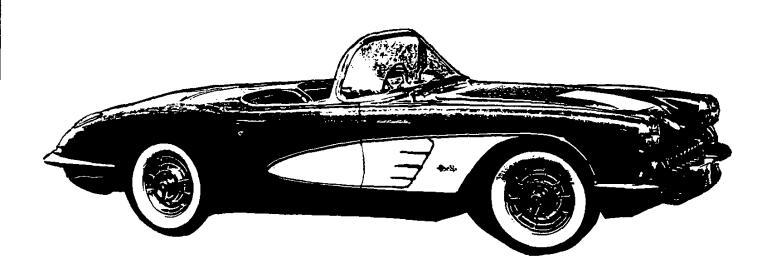
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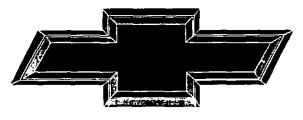
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SPECIFICATIONS





GENUINE CHEVROLET

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1959 CORVETTE

Production: 9,670 convertibles

1959 NUMBERS

Vehicle: J59S100001 through J59S109670

Suffix: CQ: 283ci, 230hp, mt CU: 283ci, 270hp, mt

CR: 283ci, 250hp, mt CS: 283ci, 290hp, mt CT: 283ci, 245hp, mt

DG: 283ci, 230hp, at DH: 283ci, 250hp, at DJ: 283ci, 245hp, at

Block: 3737739: All (ep) 3756519: All

Head: 3748770: All (ep., sh) 3767465: All (lp)

3755550: All (ep, sh)

Carburetor: Carter 2613S #3741089: 283ci, 270hp, fc

Carter 2614S #3741090: 283ci, 270hp, rc Carter 2626S #3744002: 283ci, 245hp, fc Carter 2627S #3744004: 283ci, 245hp, rc Carter 2818S #3756676: 283ci, 230hp

Fuel Injection: Rochester 7014900: 283ci, 250hp

Rochester 7014900R: 283ci, 290hp Rochester 7017200: 283ci, 250hp Rochester 7017250: 283ci, 290hp Rochester 7017300: 283ci, 290hp Rochester 7017300R: 283ci, 250hp

Distributor: 1110891: 283ci, 245hp, 270hp 1110915: 283ci, 250hp

1110914: 283ci, 290hp 1110946: 283ci, 230hp

Generator: 1102043: 283ci, 230hp, 245hp, 250hp, 270hp

1102059: 283ci, 290hp, fd 1102173: 283ci, 290hp, sd

Ending Vehicle: Sep 58: 100409 Jan 59: 103962 May 59: 107934

Oct 58: 100623 Feb 59: 104921 Jun 59: 108702 Nov 58: 101587 Mar 59: 106033 Jul 59: 109437 Dec 58: 102641 Apr 59: 107144 Aug 59: 109670

Abbreviations: at=automatic transmission, ci=cubic inch, fc=front carburetor, fd=first design, ep=early production, hp=horsepower, lp=late production, mt=manual transmission, rc=rear carburetor, sd=second design, sh=staggered valve cover holes.

1959 FACTS

- Exterior 1959 appearance was similar to 1958, except 1959 did not have the simulated hood louvers or the twin chrome trunk spears.
- Door panels were redesigned by relocating the armrests for additional elbow room, and by moving the door releases forward.
- Instruments were redesigned for better legibility in 1959. This included making the gauge lenses concave for less light reflection, and adding a new tachometer face.
- The "T" shift handle with positive reverse lockout was introduced in 1959 models with 4-speed manual transmissions.
- A storage bin was added under the passenger grab bar. The grab bar itself was more heavily padded than for the previous year.
- The optional 1959 windshield washer reservoir mounted on the left side for all carbureted engines, and on the right side for all fuel injected engines. Right side mountings were protected by heat shields.
- Seat uphoistery was smoother than the previous year and the black interior available in 1959 models was the Corvette's first.

1959 OPTIONS

CODE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RETAIL \$
867	Base Corvette Convertible	9,670	\$3,875.00
101	Heater		102.25
102	AM Radio, signal seeking	7,001	149.80
107	Parking Brake Alarm		
108	Courtesy Light		6.50
109	Windshield Washers	7.929	16.15
121	Radiator Fan Clutch		21.55
261	Sunshades		10.80
276	Wheels, 15x5.5 (5)		0.00
290	Whitewall Tires, 6.70x15	8,173	31.55
313	Powerglide Automatic Transmission		199.10
419	Auxiliary Hardtop	5.481	236.75
426	Power Windows	587	59.20
440	Two-Tone Exterior Paint	2,931	16.15
469	283ci, 245hp Engine (2x4 carburetors)	1,417	150.65
469C	283ci, 270hp Engine (2x4 carburetors)	1,846	182.95
473	Power Operated Folding Top	661	139.90
579	283ci, 250hp Engine (fuel injection)	175	484,20
579D	283ci, 290hp Engine (fuel injection)	745	484.20
675	Positraction Rear Axle	4,170	48.45
684	Heavy Duty Brakes and Suspension	142	425.05
685	4-Speed Manual Transmission	4,175	188.30
686	Metallic Brakes		26.90
1408	Blackwall Tires, 6.70x15 nylon		
1625	24 Gallon Fuel Tank	—	

- A 283ci, 230hp engine, 3-speed manual transmission, vinyl interior trim, and a soft top were included in the base price.
- RPO 684 included special front and rear springs and shock absorbers, heavier front stabilizer bar, quick steering adaptor, metallic brakes, finned brake drums, fresh air ducting to rear brakes (early only) and front brake air deflectors. RPO 469C or RPO 579D, RPO 675, and manual transmission were required.
- RPO 276 (15x5.5 wheels) included hubcaps (small) in lieu of standard wheel discs.
- LPO 1625 required the hardtop without soft top because the fuel tank occupied part of the folding top storage area.
- The 5,481 RPO-419 quantity included 1,695 in lieu of soft tops at no cost.
- RPO 675 (Positraction) required manual transmission.

1959 COLORS

EXTERIOR QTY	SOFT TOP	WHEELS	INTERIOR
Tuxedo Black 1.594	Bk-W	Black	B-Bk-R
Classic Cream223	Bk-W	Black	Bk
Frost Blue1,024	B-Bk-W	Black	B-R
Crown Sapphire888	Bk-Tq-W	Black	Tq
Roman Red1,542	Bk-W	Black	Bk-R
Snowcrest White 3,354	B-Bk-Tq-W	Black	B-Bk-R-Ta
Inca Silver957	Bk-W	Black	Bk-R

- Suggested interiors shown. Other combinations were possible.
- Interiors and exteriors were not coded to individual cars. In 1959, five Corvettes were painted a non-standard color, combination, or primer. An additional 83 were exported and their colors combinations are unknown.
- Numbers of interiors sold in 1959 are as follows: 1,303 blue, 1,181 turquoise, 5,124 red, 2,062 black.
- The 2,931 quantity for code 440 two-tone paint (contrasting cove) was split 805 Roman Red/white; 535 Snowcrest White/silver; 496 Tuxedo Black/silver; 420 Crown Sapphire/white; 361 Frost Blue/white; 220 Inca Silver/white; 89 Classic Cream/white; 5 other.
- · Turquoise soft tops were available only in 1959.

Abbreviations: B=Blue, Bk=Black, R=Red, Tq=Turquoise, W=White.

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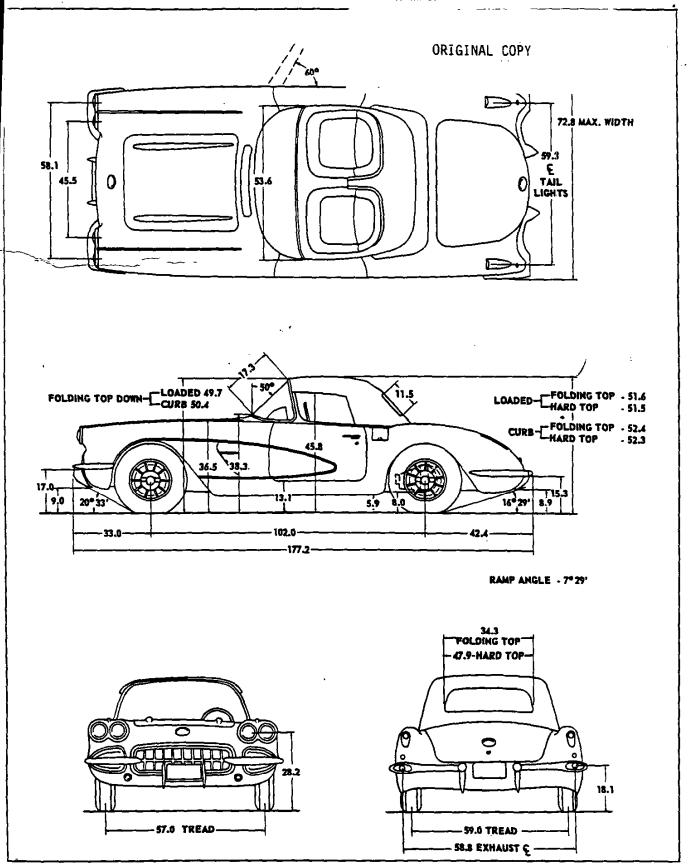
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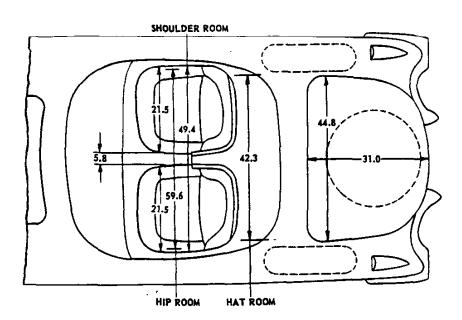
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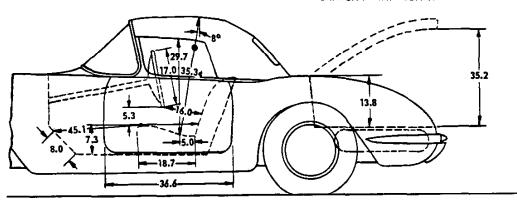
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DRIVER SEAT ADJUSTMENT 4.4 SEAT DIMENSIONS SHOWN ARE MEASURED 15" FROM CENTER LINE OF CAR WITH SEAT IN REAR POSITION

LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT APPROX. CAPACITY - 4.474 CU. FT.



#35.1 WITH HARD TOP

1959 CORVETTE REGULAR EQUIPMENT

	EXTER	NOR				
Four Headlights						
Parking and Turn Signal Lights						
Tail, Stop, and Turn Signal Lights						
Twin License Lights						
	Headlight and P	arking Light Bezels				
	Front Fender Cr	own Molding				
	Grille Frame and	d Body				
	Grille Guards an	d License Frame				
	Front and Rear	Bumpers				
	Cove Area Reve	al Molding				
•	Windshield Reve	eal Molding				
J	Belt Reveal Mo	ding				
	Door Glass Frames					
Bright Metal	Door Push-Butt	on Handles				
	Door Key Locks					
1	Deck Lid Key L	-ock				
1	Tail Light Bez	ols				
	Rear Body Gua	rds				
		Roof Front				
	14:Hardtop Additional	Drip Cap				
	Moldings	Quarter Window Reveal				
	<u> </u>	Rear Window Reveal				
Hood Emb	lem					
Deck Lid	Emblem	<u> </u>				
Outside R	ear View Mirror					
Wheel Dis	iks					
Wheel Dis	sk Ornaments					
Convertib	le Top					
Crossed	Flags in Cove Are	0				
Gas Fille	r Door					
Twin Rec	r Fender Reflecto	rs				
Dual Rec	r Bumper Exhaust	Ports				

^{* -} If Hardtop is provided in place of Convertible Top.

	INTERIOR					
Three-Spoke Competition-Type Steering Wheel						
Vinyl Covered Instrument Panel						
	sedometer, Odometer					
7000 RPM						
	Cove insert					
Bright	Sill Plates					
Metal	Step Plates					
ļ	Top Header Release Latches					
	Door Lock Lever					
Fuel, Tem	perature, Ammeter, Oil Pressure Gauges					
Ignition - S	Starter Switch					
Cigarette l	Lighter					
Cowl Vent Lever						
Hood Rele	ase Lever					
Rear View Mirror						
Ash Tray						
Electric Clock						
Cockpit C	Cockpit Center Console					
Stowage Compartment						
Roll-Up Door Windows						
Twin Reflectors in Side Wall						
Door Arms	Door Armrests					
Glove Box	with Key Lock					
Padded P	assenger - Assist Bar					
Direction	Signal Control					
individua	Individually Adjusted Bucket Seats					
Safety Be	lts					
	Door Handles					
Transmis	sion Shift Lever with Shift Diagram					
Headligh	t Dimmer Switch					
Windshie	ld Wiper Control Knob					
Horn But	ton					

1959 CORVETTE REGULAR PRODUCTION PTIONS AND FACTORY OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

ITEM	\a_	NUMBER	ITEM	NUMBER
Alarm, parking brake		107*	Radia, signal-seeking	102*
Axles, limited-slip	4	675	Sunshades	261
Brakes, heavy-duty		686	Tires, 6.70 X 15-4 ply (whitewall)	290
Brakes and suspension, heav	y-duty	684	Top, hydraulic folding	473
Carburetors, two 4-barrel	**	469	Transmission, 4-speed	685
Fuel injection	t	579	Transmission, Powerglide	313
Hardtop, quxiliary		419	Washers, windshield	109*
Heater, air flow	7.0	101*	Wheels, 15 X 5.50K	276
Light, courtesy	я	108*	Windows, power	426

^{* -} Factory Optional Accessory 🛪

1959 CORVETTE EXTERIOR-INTERIOR COLOR COMBINATIONS

EXTERIOR*					INTERIOR				
	·a		Folding Top						
Body ¢	Cove Assa (optional)	Black	White	Tur- quoise	Light Blue	Black	Bive	Tur- quaise	Red
Tuxedo Black	lnca Silver ,c	x	x			×	×		x
Classic Cream	Snowerest 19	x	х			х			
Frost Blue			x		χ.		x		x
Crown Sapphire			x	x				x	
Roman Red		x	x			x	ļ		X
Snowcrest White	inco . Silver	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Inca Silver	Snowcreat White #	x	x			x			×

^{* -} Wheels painted black.

^{¢ -} Includes hardtop, when used.

GENERAL DATA

J ------ 8 cylinder engine S ----- St Louis

VEHICLE SERIAL NUMBER Series designation

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DIMENSIONS
Wheelbase
Length (overall)177.20
Width (overall) 72.8
Height (ground to top of windshield at an article) 49.20
Height (overall loaded)
Folding top 51.6
Hard ton 51.5
Angle of approach
Angle of departure 16°29'
Treads: 57.00
Rear 59.00
VEHICLE WEIGHTS*
Powerglide transmission Shipping 3002 lb.
Curb 3135 lb.
Loaded 3405 lb.
3-speed transmission
Shipping 2900 lb.
Curb 3033 lb.
Loaded
Optional nate top seed a seed
* - Curb weight is empty vehicle ready to trive.
Shipping weight is curb weight mimmagesoline
(100 lb.) and water (33 lb.).
Loaded weight is curb weight plus 320 2b. (weight of two 150 lb. passengers)
of two 130 fd. passengers,
BODY GLASS
Windshield Laminated safety plate
Side doors Laminated safety plate
Rubberized fabric top, Rear window
10-15-58 6-CORVETTE

Rear window Acrylic plastic (plexiglass) Rear quarter window - Acrylic plastic (plexiglass)
CHASSIS
FRONT WHEEL ALIGNMENT (Service data) Camber
Make & type Own, box girder with "X" member Maximum overall length
section of side members by long angular braces from the front legs of the "X". Body mounting points
KING PINS Diameter
Type
SPRING MOUNTING Type
FRONT SPRINGS Make and type

Hard Top,

Height ----- Free 13.45; working 9.62@ 1235 lb. Height under curb weight ----- 9.72 Capacity at ground ----- 800 lb.

CHASSIS - Continued

Deflection	on rate	Powerglide
	ing 300 lb/in.	3.55:1 axle: drive 13.56:1-1:1
	eel 110 lb/in.	low 13.56:1-6.46:1
ED 6115 65	VOCY ADSORDED S	reverse 13.56;1-6.46;1
	HOCK ABSORBERS ¢	BRAKES-SERVICE
	d type Delco, direct double acting gVertically from lower control arm	Type Servo, 4 wheel hydraulic
	coil spring to front suspension crossmember	Brake size
	umber 538F	Front11 x 2
Piston d	liameter and travel 1.00 x 4.68	Rear 11 x 1-3/4
		Brake drums
REAR SPI	RINGS	Diameter front & rear 11
	Own	Total effective area 259 sq.in.
	Semi-elliptic	Lining sizes (length x width x thickness)
	1 Alloy steel	Front-primary 9.29x2.0x.175
	and width 51 x 2.0	-secondary 11.69x2.0x.175
Spring o	clips Clinch type-3 Bolt type-1	Rear -primary 9.29x1.75x.175 -Secondary 11.69x1.75x.175
	Total-4	Total lining effective area 157 sq.in.
Number	of leaves 4	Wheel cylinder bore
	ickness Number 1 & 3282	Front 1.125
	Number 2313	Rear 1.000
	Number 4262	Master cylinder bore 1.000
	Total1.159	Pedal travel 4.50
Capacit	y	Shoe clearance adjustment Adjust
	At ground 725 lb.	to light drag and back off seven notches.
DEAR SH	OCK ABSORBERS ¢	BRAKES-PARKING
	type Delco, direct double acting	Type of control "T" handle pull rods
	ng Stem attached to slotted	Location of control L.H. of steering column
	in flanged "U" shaped rear crossmember, eye	Operate on Rear service brakes
attach	ned at bottom to an anchor bolt on rear spring	
ייטיי ь	olt and shock absorber anchor bolt plate	STEERING
		Steering gear ratio 16:1
Piston	diameter and travel1.0 \times 6.69	Steering wheel diameter 17.00
5511751	13.15m	Turning diameters Right-wall to wall 38.5 ft.
DRIVE L	ing. Hotchkiss drive,	
	ropeller shaft.	Right-curb to curb 36.5 ft.
one p	Topener Bhar.	Left-curb to curb 37.0 ft.
REAR AX	(LE	Overall steering ratio 21.0:1
	Hypoid	-
Ratio		TACHOMETER
Conv	entional trans regular & RPO 675 3.70:1	Make AC
	RPO 675 only 4.11:1	Model W
_	RPO 675 only 4.56:1	Type Mechanical
	rglidė trans 3.55:1	Driven Off
	ombination	Fuel Injection (special camshaft) Distributor All others Generator
Солу	entional trans regular 37 & 10 optional 37 & 9	
	optional41 & 9	
Powe	rglide trans 39 & 11	
	ar reduction	5
Axle	3.70:1 4.11:1 4.56:1	TIRES
Trans.	3-spd 4-spd 3-spd 4-spd 3-spd 4-spd	Size 6.70x15-4pr
lst	8.18 8.14 9.08 9.04 10.08 10.03	Type Rayon
2nd	4.88 6.14 5.43 6.82 6.02 7.57 3.70 4.85 4.11 5.38 4.56 5.97	Revolutions/mile @ 30 MPH 760 Sidewall Color
3rd Fourth	3.70 4.85 4.11 5.38 4.56 5.97 3.70 4.11 4.56 4.56	Regular Black
Rev.	9.29 8.36 10.32 9.29 11.45 10.31	Optional White
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^{¢ -} Contains nitrogen-filled envelope in fluid reservoir

CORVETTE CHASSIS (HEAVY-DUTY RPO 684)

FRONT SPRINGS	BRAKES-SERVICE		
Gauge 636	Material Cerametalix		
No. of Coils 8.75 total; 6.94 active	Segment per Shoe		
Diameter Outside 4.44; 3.811 P.D.	Primary Six		
Height Free 11.18; working 9.12@1145	Secondary Ten		
Deflection Rate (lb./in.)	Size		
At spring 550	Primary 2.25x2.50x.220		
At wheel 200	Secondary 2.25x2.00x.220		
	Drums		
REAR SPRINGS	Front & rear Cooling vanes cast on rim		
No. of Leaves Five	Rear Wheel Cylinder Bore 0.875		
Total Leaf Thickness 1.458	Shoe Clearance Adjustment Adjust to		
Spring Rate (lb.in.) 145	light drag and back off 27-32 notches		
Inserts None	Gross Lining Area (sq.in.)121.5		
	Brake Effectiveness (front) 62%		
SHOCK ABSORBERS	Brake Air Scoops		
Front & Rear	Attachment On flange plates		
Diameter 1.375"	~ .		
	POSITRACTION REAR AXLES (RPO 675)		
STABILIZER BAR	Gear		
Diameter 0.81	Ratios Combinations		
	3.70:1		
STEERING .	4.11:1 37 & 11		
Overall Ratio 16.3:1	4.56:1 41 & 9		
No. Wheel Turns 3.25			
TIRES (LPO 1408)	WHEELS		
Type Nylon	Rim Size & Flange Type 15 x 5.5K		

CORVETTE 283 CUBIC INCH V-8 ENGINE

GENERAL DATA

Engine		00,00	Conventional	Powerglide	
Engine Biston displacer	nent (cu. in.)	283		
Piston displacement (cu. in.) Type			Valve-i	n-head	
Number of cylin	ders		8		
Bore and stroke		inal)	3.875 x	3.000	
Compression ra			9.5	5:1\$	
Taxable (SAE) h		ower	48		
Idling speed (RPM)		475 in neutral	475 in drive		
Compression press. (PSI)@ cranking speed, engine hot		160**			
Engine and clutch		625	565		
Dry weight (pou	nds)	With transmission	695	795	
Lubrication			Full pressure		
Power plant mo	unting		Three point mounting; two front and one rear; compression type		
	Fan	to rear of clutch housing	36.57	31.66	
		it of cylinder block to rear	29.57	24.66	
		utch housing			
Measurements	Leng	th of cylinder block	23.28 29.54		
(inches)	Top	air cleaner to bottom oil pan			
1		oust manifold to generator (width)	26	. 72	

ADVERTISED MAXIMUM ENGINE PERFORMANCE

Carburetor		4-barrel (Production)	Dual 4-barrel (RPO 469)		Fuel Injection (RPO 579)	
Camshaft			ndard Special		Standard	Special
	Gross	230@ 4800 RPM	245@ 5000 RPM		250@ 5000 RPM	
Brake horsepower	Net	195@ 4600 RPM	215@ 4800 RPM	230@ 6000 RPM	225@ 4800 RPM	
	Gross	300@ 3000 RPM	300@ 3800 RPM	285@ 4200 RPM	305@ 3800 RPM	290@ 4400 RPM
Torque (lb. ft.)	Net	270@ 2800 RPM	270@ 3400 RPM	255@ 3800 RPM	280@ 3400 RPM	265@ 4200 RPM

ENGINE SPEED AND PISTON TRAVEL

		INE SPEED AND PIS	peed close ratio		Powerglide	
Fransmission			(RPO 313) #			
Rear axle ratio		3.70:1 ▼	4.11:1 ▼	4.56:i ▼	3.55:1	
Tire size			6.70 x	15-4 pr		
Crankshaft revolutions per	mile	2812.0	3123.6	3465.6	2698.0	
- I	Low	103.4	115.1	127.7	81.9	
<u>†</u>	Reverse	117.5 130.8		145.1		
Crankshaft RPM @ 1 MPH	Second	61.8	68.8	76.3	, *.A.	
ţ	Third ¢	46.8	52.1	57.8	45.0	
Piston travel (ft./mile)	****	1406.0	1561.8	1732.8	1349.0	
Transmission		4-Speed close ratio (RPO 685)				
Rear axle ratio		3.70:1 ▼	4.11:1.▼		4.56:1 ▼	
Tire size		6.70 x 15-4 pr				
Crankshaft revolutions per	mile	2812.0 3123		3.6	3465.6	
Crankshart revolutions pro-	Low	103.0	114	. 6	127.2	
	Reverse	105.8	117	.7	130.6	
Crankshaft RPM @ 1 MPH		77.7	86.	5	96.0	
Claimanait KFM 6 . III	Third	61.3	61.3 68.3		75.7	
	Fourth ¢	46.8	52.	1	57.8	
Piston travel (ft./mile)	 	1406.0 1561.8		1732.8		

- * Data computed assuming zero slippage in torque converter.
- \$ 10.5:1 with Fuel Injection and special camshaft.
 - ¢ Also known as N/V factor.
- v Rear axle ratios are optional with Positraction (limited slip) differential carrier. ** 140 psi for all engines equipped with special camshaft.

CORVETTE 283 CUBIC INCH V-8 ENGINE - Continued ADVERTISED CAR PERFORMANCE

	ENGINE					
2 Count Transmission	4-barrel	Dual 4	barrel	Fuel In	jection	
3-Speed Transmission	Camshaft					
	Stan	dard	Special	Standard	Special	
			867			
Model	3275	3290	3295	3280	3290	
Performance weight (pounds) +		1	12.20	13.12	11.35	
Pounds per gross horsepower	14.21	13.43				
Pounds per cu. in. displacement	11.61	11.63	11.64	11.59	11.63	
Pounds per cu. m. displacement	.813	.866	.954	. 883	1.025	
Gross horsepower per cu, in. displacement		228.7	228.7	228.7	228.7	
Power displacement (cu. ft./mile) @	228.7				139.0	
Displacement factor (cu. ft./ton mile) #	139.7	139.0	138.8	139.5	139.0	

4-Speed Transmission

Performance weight (pounds) +	3290	3305	3310	3295	3305
Pounds per gross horsepower	14.30	13.49	12.26	13.18	11.40
Pounds per cu. in. displacement	11.63	11.68	11.70	11.64	11.68
Gross horsepower per cu. in. displacement	.813	.866	.954	.883	1.025
Power displacement (cu. ft./mile) @	228.7	228.7	228.7	228.7	228.7
Displacement factor (cu. ft./ton mile) #	139.0	138.4	138.2	138.8	138.4
i Displacement lactor (cu. it./ton mmc/ "					

Powerglide Transmission *

10/10/-	3375	3390	A5 - 5	3380	
Performance weight (pounds) +	14.67	13.84	1 545	13.52	
Pounds per gross horsepower Pounds per cu. in. displacement	11.93	11.98		11.94	7.7
Gross horsepower per cu. in. displacement	.813	. 866	18 4 Syr 18	. 883	22
Power displacement (cu. ft./mile) @	219.5	219.5	20 mm	219.5	
Displacement factor (cu. ft./ton mile) #	130.1	129.5	¥ .3 ., £± ## 64	129.9	

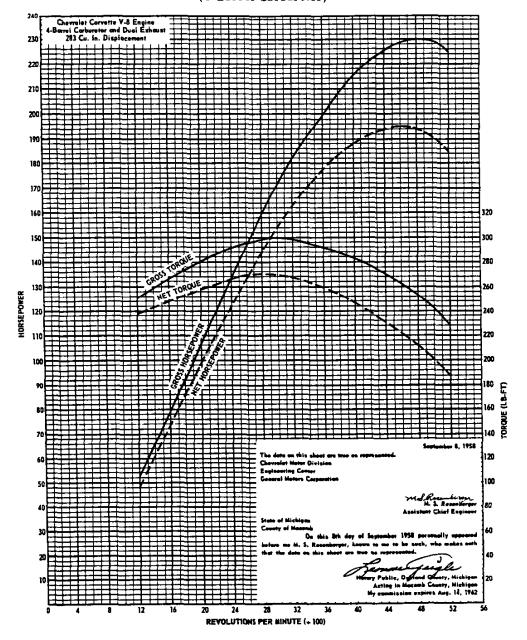
^{+ -} Curb weight plus 300 lb. (weight of two 150 # passengers).

^{* -} Data computed assuming zero slippage in torque converter. @ - Crankshaft revolutions per mile x piston displacement +2

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^{# -} Power displacement divided by performance weight in tons.

CORVETTE 283 CUBIC INCH V-8 ENGINE (4-Barrel Carburetor)



The engine performance curves shown on this sheet are taken from Chevrolet engine test report 17697-25. They represent the full throttle performance of a Chevrolet Corvette V-8 engine with 283 cubic inch displacement, as obtained from dynamometer test data corrected to standard barometric pressure of 29.92 inches of mercury and the standard temperature of 60°F.

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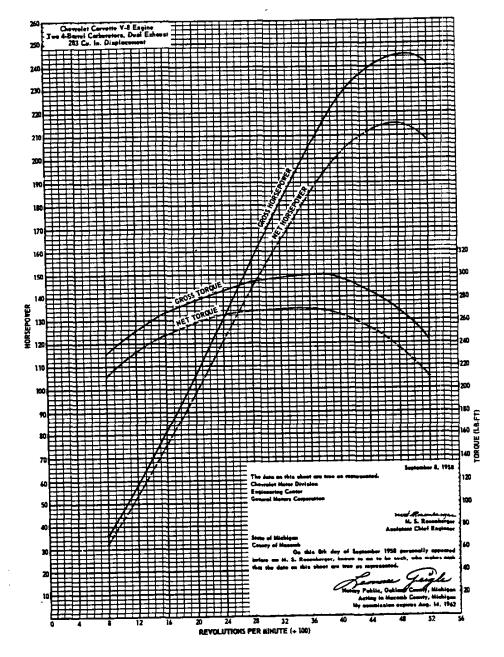
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NET POWER and TORQUE were obtained from a dynamometer test simulating actual operating conditions when the engine is in its vehicle. It includes the use of the regular mufflers and pipes, the fan in operation and automatic spark advance. The generator is not charging.

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CORVETTE 283 CUBIC INCH V-8 ENGINE - Continued

CORVETTE 283 CUBIC INCH V-8 ENGINE (Dual 4-barrel Carburetors)



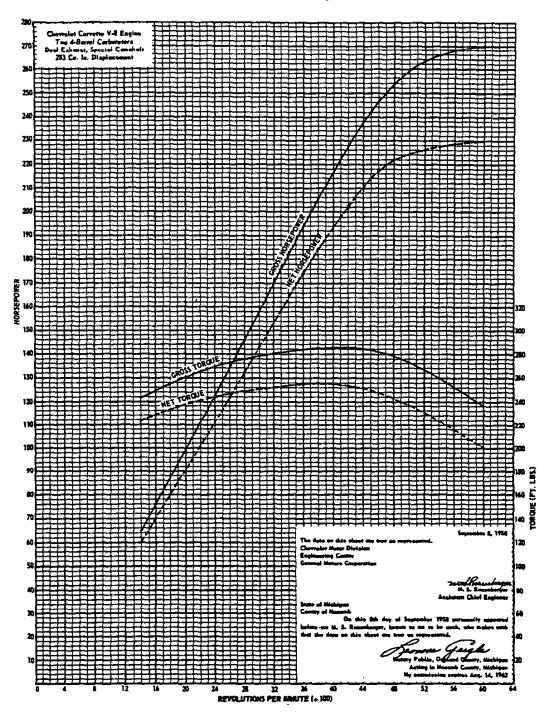
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CORVETTE 283 CUBIC INCH V-8 ENGINE (Dual 4-Barrel Carburetors and Special Carmshaft)



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	CORVETTE 283 CUBIC INCI		
co	RVETTE 283 CUBIC INCH V-8 ENGINE (With Standard 4-Barrel Carburetor)	CORVETTE (With Option	
Same as Sui	per Turbo - Fire passenger car V-8 engine	Same as for Cor	
shown on Pa	ges 16-25 except for following differences:	except for following	
FAN & GEN	ERATOR BELT	MAIN BEARINGS (
Pitch Line	Length 55.40"	Туре	
I iteli Diit	206	Material	
GENERATO	R	with a thin lead	
Model	1102043	is steel backed	
IGNITION C	OIL	CONNECTING ROI	
Model	1115091	Type	
		Material	
OIL FILTER	1	with a thin lead	
Capacity -	1.0 qt.		
Type	Full flow	CAMSHAFT, SPE	
Type		Ramp, Inlet	
AIR CLEAN	FD	Opening & clos	
Time	Oil wetted	Ramp, Exhaust	
Tilton Ele	ment Aluminum wire	Opening & clos	
Filter Ere	inent	Tappet Lift	
GASTANK		Inlet	
Constitut	gallons) 16.4	Exhaust	
Capacity (cation In body left side,	Valve Lift	
	of driver's door	Inlet	
to rear	of differ a goot	Exhaust	
EXHAUST S	.vetr.	Valve Lash (eng	
	Dual, diffusion & resonance,	Inlet	
reverse		Exhaust	
reverse	now.	Timing Diagram	
O'' DAN C	ADACITY (supers)	Inlet	
OIL PAN C	APACITY (quarts) er 5.0	Opens	
Less Filt	er	Closes	
		Exhaust	
CLUTCH	Semi-centrifugal	Opens	
Type	of Coil Springs9	Closes	
Number (ressure (lbs.) 1620 initial	22333	
Spring F	Lug	DISTRIBUTOR	
Drive	rea (sq.in.) 90.72	Make	
Lining A	rque Capacity (lb.ft.) 326	Model	
Kated 10	rque Capacity (ib.it.)	Type Breakers	
COO! 11/C	CVCTEV	Vacuum Advano	
COOLING	2 1 2 1 ETAY	(Centrifugal	
Radiator	Harrison	Fire and Fu	
Make -	Cellular	Clutches)	
Type -		Vacuum Advan	
Size	l Area (sq.in.) 340	VALVES (special	
		Inlet	
Capaci	ty (quarts)	Overall lengt	
with.	NUT DARTAT 13.3	CACLTIT ICHEP	

Without heater ----- 15.5 With heater ----- 16.5

Make ----- AC Type ----- 46

Type ----- Pressure Valve Opens @ ----- 6.25-7.75 psi

TE 283 CUBIC INCH V-8 ENGINE tional Dual 4-Barrel Carburetors)

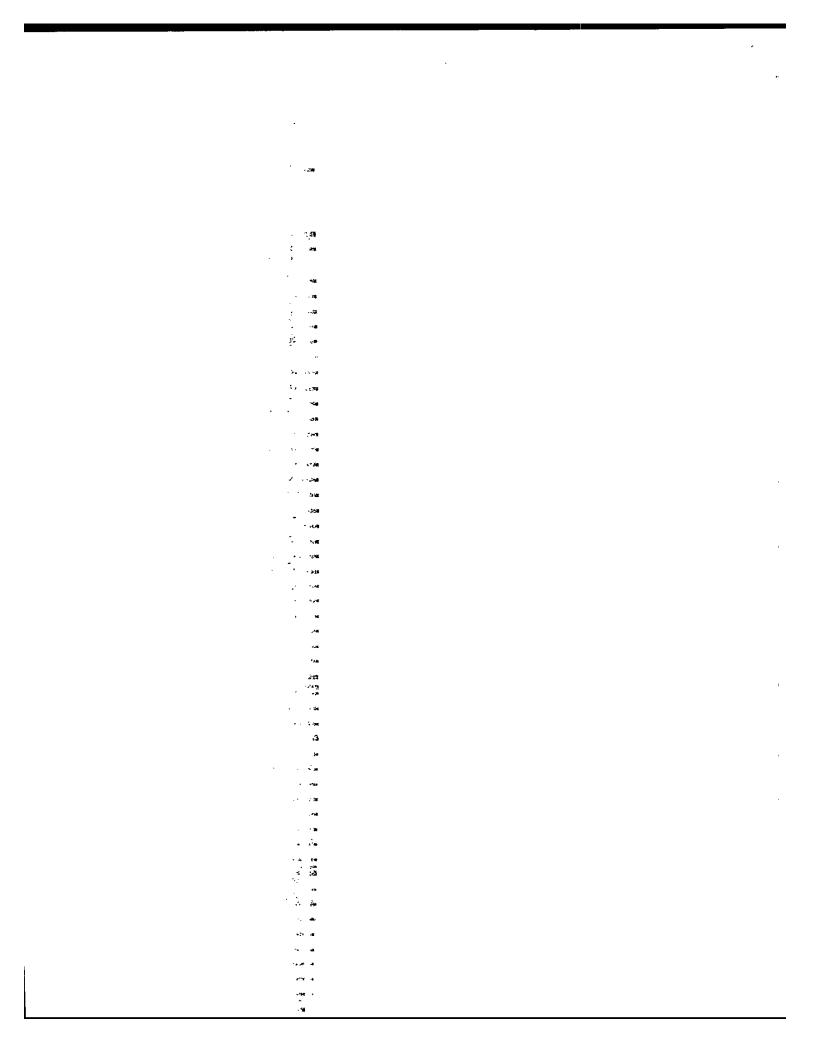
rvette 4-barrel carburetor version ing differences:

MAIN BEARINGS (special camshaft) Type Moraine M-400 Material Steel backed aluminum alloy matrix with a thin lead alloy overplate except rear which is steel backed babbitt.
CONNECTING ROD BEARINGS (special camshaft) Type Moraine M-400 Material Steel backed aluminum alloy matrix with a thin lead alloy overplate
CAMSHAFT, SPECIAL (optional)
Ramp, Inlet Opening & closing0067, 18° long
Ramp, Exhaust Opening & closing0107, 29° long Tappet Lift
Inlet2625
Exhaust2665
Valve Lift
Inlet39375
Exhaust ,39975
Valve Lash (engine hot)
Inlet012
Exhaust018
Timing Diagram Data
Inlet
Opens 35°BTC
Closes 72°ABC
Exhaust
Opens 76°BBC
Closes 31°ATC
DISTRIBUTOR MakeDelco-Remy
Model 1110891
Type Breakers Dual
Vacuum Advance None
(Centrifugal Advance curve is same as Super Turbo-
Fire and Fuel Injection, page 25 of Engines and
Clutches)
Vacuum Advance None
VALVES (special camshaft)
Inlet
Overall length 4.8699-4.8899
Exhaust
Overall length 4.8905-4.9105
VALVE LIFTERS (special camshaft)
Type Mechanical
CARBURETOR
Make Carter
Type 4-barrel, downdraft

SPARK PLUGS

RADIATOR CAP

Model Regular camshaft Front 3744002	TRANSMISSION 3-speed is same passenger car shown on Page 3, Transmission, except for following differences:
Rear	GEAR RATIOS First
MUFFLER (special camshaft) Type Dual, straight thru,	GEARSHIFT Location On floor
INLET MANIFOLD Material Aluminum	4-speed is same as passenger car shown on Page 3, Transmission, except for following differences:
CORVETTE 283 CUBIC INCH V-8 ENGINE (With Optional Fuel Injection) +	REVERSE INHIBITOR
Same as Ramjet Fuel Injection Passenger car V-8 engine shown on Pages 16-25. Engine & Clutch, except for following differences:	Type Positive, manually controlled Operation Lift "T" handle allowing selector lever to enter reverse gate
FAN AND GENERATOR BELT Pitch line length 56.00	SPEEDOMETER GEARS (3 and 4-speed) Number of Teeth Drive gear
GENERATOR Model	Driven gear 22 Normal tooth pitch 30
Ratio (generator to engine RPM) 1.66:1	Powerglide is same as passenger car shown on Page 4, Transmission, except for following differences:
Make Delco-Remy Model 1115107	SELECTOR LEVER Location Floor mounted
MUFFLER (special camshaft) Type Dual, straight thru	SPEEDOMETER GEARS Number of Teeth Drive gear 8
RADIATOR CAP Valve Opens @6.25-7.75 psi	Driven gear 21 Normal tooth pitch 30



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MAKE OF CAR CHEVROLET		MODEL YEAR 1959 DATE: ISSUED	7-15-58 REVISED 10-16-58			
COMPANY	Chevrolet Motor Division,	n, General Motors Corporation				
MODEL NAME	JOBNYZ	MODEL NAME	JOBMYZ			
Corvette	867					
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NOTES:

- 1. The specifications set forth herein are those in effect at the date of compilation and are subject to change without notice. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED:
- 2. All specifications are standard for the models under which they are listed.
- 3. Specifications apply basically to 4-door sedan or equivalent. Body dimensions shown on pages 19-24 include other body models evallable.
- 4. All dimensions are nominal engineering dimensions.

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

NODEL	Addition information in Page N	ion	283 cu. in. V-8
Mhoelbase (L-10)1)	22	102.0
read	Front (W-101)	23	57.0
	Rear (W-102)	23	59.0
Anklinum	Length (L-103)	22	177.2
Overall	Width (W-103)	23	72.8
Dimensions	Height (H-101)	21	51.6
Transmission—	Manual	12	3-Speed close ratio (a)
(Specify trade	Overdrive	13	None
name - opt., not available)	Automatic	13	Powerglide (optional)
	Monusi	14	3.70:1
Agle ratio	Overdrive	14	None
	Automatic	14	3.55:1
lire size		15	6.70x15-1, ply
	Type, no. cyl., valve arr.	2	90°v=8. OHV
	Fuel system (Carb. or in[.)	6	Carburator (b)
	Sore and strake	2	3.875 x 3.00
Engine	Piston dispi., cu. in.	2	283
	Std. compression ratio	2	9,5:1 (c)
	Max, bhp at engine rpm	2	230 a . 4800
	Max. torque of rpm	2	300 € 3000

(a) h-Speed close ratio optional
(b) Dv_1 h-barrel or Fuel Injection optional

(c) 10.5:1 with Fuel Injection and special cam

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_ Jadon Ea	IGIN	E—GENE	PAL					
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pe, no. cy		e crr,	90° V=8, OHV 3,875 x 3,0					
re and stre								
ton displa				283				
re spacing								
. system ont to rea		Bank Bank		1-3-5-7 2-4-6-8				
ng order	<u>/ _ L^.</u>	~~~		1-8-4-3-6-5-7-2				
apres. rat	(St	andard		9.5:1				
npres. rat ninal)	"	ptional	10 5+1 with	Fuel Injection an	d special cam			
inder He	 -	andard		Cast allow iron				
erial	~ ←	ptional		None None				
		et, dry, none		None				
nber of	$\overline{}$	on!	/	Two				
nting po				One				
able <u>Di</u> epower				1.8				
olished K.	Standa	rd		230 e 1,800		·		
o engine M*	Option	ol lo	See below					
olished	Standa	rd	300 @ 3000					
x. tarque . ft. @ M)	Option	nai	See below					
commende	d fuel	Standard	Premium					
jular – pr		Optional	Premium					
commende	d idle s	peed (neutral)	3-Speed - 175 in Neutra	l: Powerglide - 42	25 in Drive			
E	NGIN	E-PISTO)NS					
sterial				Cast aluminum all				
scription	and finis	ih	Flat head, slipper skirt for valve clearance (a)	autothermic havin	ng machined re	liefs		
ight (pist	on only)	oz.		N.A.				
Max. bh		el Inject	nd max. torque corrected as defined by SAE tion and special cam, dome		(Continued)	Rev. Form 6-		
a) Wit		i reliefs						
e) Wit		i reliefs	Engine	BHP • RPM	Torque			
a) Wit		i reliefs	Engine 2x4-bbl. carburetor 2x4-bbl. carb. and	245 @ 5000	300 ●	3800		
a) Wit		i reliefs	Engine 2xk-bbl. carburetor			3800		
a) Wit		i reliefs	Engine 2x4-bbl. carburetor 2x4-bbl. carb. and	245 @ 5000	300 ●	3800 4200		

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ODEL		ISTONS (Co				
ENC		1210M2 (CO	035-013			
egrance	Top land					
mits)	Skirt	Тор	.0016=_0020			
	Bottom		N.A. 2153-,2218			
	No. 1 rin		2153-2218			
ng groove	No. 2 rin		20532158			
pth .	No. 3 rin		None			
	No. 4 rin		NOME			
EN	GINE—	RINGS				
	No. 1, oi	lor comp.	Compression			
nction	No. 2, oi	i or comp.	Compression			
op to ettom)	No. 3, ai	l or comp.	Oil Control			
	No. 4, oi	lor comp.	None None			
ompression	Descripti material, coating,	type,	Inside bevel, cast alloy iron, chrome plated O.D.			
	Width		.97750780			
	Gap	·	010020			
	Danasinsi		Multi-piece, two (2) steel rails with chrome plated O.D.			
Oií	Description - material, type, coating, etc.		and one (1) stainless steel spacer			
	Width		.22 231			
	Gap		015=_055			
xpanders			In oil ring assembly			
EN	GINE-	-PISTON PI	NS			
Material			Chromium steel			
Length			2.990-3.010			
Diameter			.92709273			
	Locked	in rod, in				
Туре	piston, t	floating, etc.	Pressed in rod			
.,,,	Bushing	In rod or piston	None			
		Material	None			
Clearance	In pistor	<u> </u>				
	in rod	fset in piston	None Major thrust side060			
E	IGINE	_CONNECT	ING RODS			
Moterial			Drop forged steel			
Weight (oz.)			NA NA			
Length (cer	iter to cent	rer)	5.699-5.701			
	Materi	ol & Type	Steel backed babbitt, precision removable (a)			
Bearing	Overal	il length	817			
	Cleara	nce (limits)	.00070027			
	End pl	ay	.00801h It, steel backed aluminum alloy matrix Rev. Fo			

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AODEL			Corvette				
E	NGIN	E-CRANKSI	HAFT				
Material			Forged steel				
Vibration	damper ty	уре	Inertia, rubber mounted				
		bearing (No.)	5				
Crankshaft			.002006				
	Materia	si & type	Steel backed babbitt, removable (a)				
	Clearor	nce .					
		No. 1	2.2983 x .7620				
Main	Journal	No. 2	2.2983 x .7620				
pearing	dia. an	d No. 3	2.2983 x .7620				
	bearing		2.2983 x .7620				
	iength	No. 5	2.2983 x 1.169				
	}	No. 6	None None				
	}	No. 7	None				
		amir cyl. offset	None None				
Crenkpin	fonutia	iometer	1,999-2,000				
E	NGIN	E—CAMSHA	FT				
Location			Above crankshaft				
Material			Cast alloy iron				
Bearings	Materia	91	Steel backed babbitt				
	Numbe	r	5				
	Gear o	r chain	<u>Chain</u>				
		haft gear or it material	Steel				
Type of drive		off gear or of material	Cast alloy iron				
		No. of links	lı6				
	Timing	Width	.875				
		Pitch					
E	NGIN	E-VALVE S	YSTEM				
Hydraulic	lifters (S	Std, opt, NA)	Standard (h)				
Special protation (None				
Rocker ra	tio		1.5:1				
Operating		Intake	Zero (b)				
(indicate or cold)	1	Exhaust	Zero (b)				

(a) With special camshaft, steel backed aluminum matrix with a thin lead alloy overplate

(b) With special camshaft, mechanical lifters standard - valve lash (hot), intake .012", exhaust .018" for maximum power output; .008" intake, .018" exhaust for maximum economy.

ODEL				Corvette			
	NGINE-	-VALVE SYSTEM	STEM (cont.)				
T		Opens (°BTC)	120301	Special camshaft 35°			
	<u> </u>	Closes (°ABC)	570301	720			
	L-1	Duration - deg.	250	2287°			
ning		Opens (°BBC)	5),0301	76°			
1	<u> </u>	Closes (°ATC)	150301	310			
į		Duration - deg.	250	2870			
ħ	Valve openi		280	66°			
	Material			Alloy steel			
Ì	Overail len	oth		02/1-h.922/1 (a)			
•	Actual over	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1.715-1.725			
†	Angle of sec			160 in head			
ĺ	Seat insert r			None			
Ì	Stem diamet			31:15 31:22			
Ì	Stem to guid			.00100027			
ntake L	Lift		3987	.382 (.394012 lash)			
	Outer spring	Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	69-79@ 1.696				
	press, and length	Valve open (lb. @ in.)	159-169@ 1.306				
	Inner spring	Valve clased (lb. @ in.)	Valve spring damper 5-10 lb.				
	press, and length	Valve open (lb. @ in.)	v.A.				
	Material		Alloy steel				
	Overall ler		14.913-14.933 (a)				
	Actual over	rall head dia.	1,1,95-1,505				
	Angle of se	at	160 in head				
	Seat insert	material	None				
	Stem diame	rter	31,1731,17				
	Stem to gu	ide clearance		.00150032			
khaust	Lift		39.87	.382 (.400018 lash)			
	Outer spring	Velve closed (lb. @ in.)	69-79 a 1.696				
	length	Valve open (lb. @ in.)	1	59-169 1.306			
	Inner spring press, and	Valve closed (lb. @ in.)	Valve sp	ring damper 5-10 lb.			
	length	Valve open (lb. @ in.)		N.A.			
	ENGIN	E-LUBRICATIO	4 SYSTEM				
	Main bear			Pressure			
	Connectin	g rods		Pressure			
Type of Jubrication				Splesh			
splash,	Camshaft	bearings		Pressure			
ressure, nazzle)	Tappets			Pressure			
•		ar or chain	2	Pressure ized jet cross sprayed			
	Cylinder	walls	Pressur ntake 4.8699-4.8899,	INCO TOD CIADO DALGIGO			

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MODEL .						
EP	igine—	LUBRICATION	SYSTEM (cont.)			
Oil pump t	уре		Gear			
Vormai oil	pressure (lb.	@ engine rpm)	35a 2000			
		(elect, or mech.)	Electric			
Type oil in	take (floating	, stationary)	Stationary			
		ow, partial, other)	Full flow			
		ent, complete)	Element			
capacity of	crankcase, l	ess filter-refill (qt.)	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2			
	recommended oture range)	(SAE viscosity:	32°F and above - SAE 20W, SAE 20, SAE-10W-30 0°F and above - SAE 10W, SAE 10W-30 Below 0°F - SAE 5W, SAE 5W-20 Sustained high speed over 90°F - SAE 30 may be used			
Engine Serv	rice Requirem	ent (MM, MS, etc.)	MS or DG			
E1	IGINE	EXHAUST SY				
						
Aba (sudi	e, single with	crass-over, dual, othe	Dual			
	o. & type (re u, separate t		Two, reverse flow (a)			
	e dia. (O.D.	Branch	None			
wali thickr	1455) 	Main	2.0 x .0625			
		. & wall thickness) -FUEL SYSTEM	1.81 x .0598 (See Supplement to Page 6 for Details of Fuel Injection, Supercharger, etc., if used)			
	ype: Carbur supercharger.		Carburetor (Fuel Injection optional)			
Fuel	Capacity	(gals.)	16.4			
Tank	Filler loca	stion	left side of body to rear of driver's door			
Fuei	Type (elec	. or mech.)	Mechanical			
Pump	Locations		Lower right front corner of engine			
	Pressure ro		5.25-6.50 psi			
		ptional, none)	None None			
Fuel Filter	Туре		Sintered bronze			
	Make & Model No.		Carburetor inlet Carter - 3756676 2 x 4-barrel regular cam front 3744002, rear 3744004; special camshaft, front 3741089, rear 3741090			
	Number 8	Туре	Single 4-barrel downdraft (dual 4-barrel downdraft optional)			
	Serrei size		1.4375			
Carlynan	Choke typ	*	Automatic			
Corburetor	Intake ma (exhaust o	nifold heat control r water)	Exhaust			
						
	Air cinr.	Standard	Oil wetted Paper element with Fuel Injection			

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MODEL

Corvette

Engine Fuel System - Fuel Injection

Injection	Make	Rochester Products		
System	Model	7017200 (b)		
Jy 8 tom	Type	Constant flow		
Fuel Recommended		Premium		
Fuel Pump	Type	Mechanical		
ruer rump	Location	Lower right front corner of engine		
	Pressure range	5.25-6.50 psi		
Auxiliary	Type	Paper filter		
Fuel Filter	Location	Bracket to engine adapter on right, rear of cente		
Inlet Manifold A		Cast aluminum		
Inlet Manifold -	Material	Cast aluminum		
Tracor Education	Air Cleaner Type	Dry (paper element)		
	Air Meter Location	Left side of engine		
Air Induction	Plenum Chamber	Integral with inlet manifold		
(a)	Ram Pipes	Eight, integral with inlet manifold		
(-/	Ram Pipe Length	12 inches		
Fuel Induction		Metered as function of air flow		
Air/Fuel Ratio	Type	Vacuum sensitive diaphragm		
Control	Location	On fuel meter		
	Type	Gear		
Fuel Meter	Location	In fuel meter assembly		
Pump	Drive	Gear driven by flexible shaft from distributor		
1 cmb	Pressure (max.)	300 psi		
	No. Used	Eight		
Injection	Waterial	Brass		
Nozzles	Location	Mounted on inlet manifold above intake ports		
MONTOD	Orifice Size, Fuel	•0118		
	Insulation '	Bakelite blocks		
	Туре	Electric, time-temperature		
Automatic	Location	On air meter assembly		
Enrichment	Current Draw	1 amp 3 @ 70°		
THE LOUMOND	Fast Idle Cam	Yes		

⁽a) Air intake ducts which channel outside air to the engine compartment are furnished with Fuel Injection.

⁽b) 7017250 with special camshaft.

MAKE OF CAR CHEVROLET		CHEVROLET	MODEL YEAR 1959 DATE: ISSUED 7-15-58 REVISED 10-16-5
MODEL			Corvette
EI	NGINE-	-COOLING SYS	TEM
Type (press atmospheric	ure system, c, other)		Pressure system
Radiator ca	p relief val	re pressure	6.25-7.75 psi
Circulation	Type (cho	ke, bypass)	Choke
thermostat	Starts to a	pen at (°F)	360
	Type (cen	trifugal, other)	Centrifugal
Water	Number o		One
oump		belt, other)	
	Bearing h		Double row ball
		ype (internal, external)	Internal
Radiator co (cellular, t	ore type tube and fin,	other)	Cellular
Cooling	With heat	er (qt.)	16.5
system capacity		eater (qt.)	15.5
		pment-specify (qt.)	None
		th of cylinder (yes, no)	Yes
Water all a	around cylin		Yes
	Lower	Number and type (moided, straight)	One, molded
	}	Inside diameter	1.75
Radiator		Number and type (moided, straight)	One, molded
hase	Upper	Incide diameter	1.50
		Number and type (molded, straight)	None
	By-pass	Inside diameter	None
	Number	of blades & Spacing	l_=staggered
	Digmeter	bidder di specing	17
Fan		to crankshaft rev.	.91,9:1
	Fan cutou		None
	Bearing ty	/pe	Double row ball
	Fan		A
*Drive	Generato		
belts	Water Put	mp gm	
(indicate belt used	Power Str	ering	N.A.
by letter)	Air Cond	itioning	N.A
	<u>L</u>		
			Rev. Form 1-58
	1. 6.		
* Drive &	elt Dimensio f V		
 -	I length (SA	37-1110 E) 55-110 (a	<u> </u>
Width		.380 ≠ .00	
			

(a) Pitch length

ODEL			Corvette
		CAL-SUPPLY	
-	Make and	Model	Delco, 1980458
	Voltage Rtg	, & Total Plates	12 Volts. 54 plates
	SAE Design	nation & Amp Hr. Rtg	2SMR. 53 amp. hr. 120 hr.
tery	Location		Engine compartment right rear side
	Terminal g	rounded	Negative
	Make		Delco-Remy
	Model		11020µ3 (a)
enerator	Туре		Two brush, shunt wound
	1	n. to Cr/s rev.	2.00:1
	ļ	in—engine rpm	620
_	Make		Delco-Remy
	Model		1119001
	Туре		Vibrator
	Cutout	Closing valtage @ generator rpm	11.8-13.50 1300 RPM
egulator	relay	Reverse current to open	NA.
	Regu-	Voltage	13.8-14.8
	lated	Current	27-33 amps
	-	Temperature	Operating
	Voltage test con-	Lood	10 amps max.
	ditions	Other	None
<u></u>		ELECTRICAL-S	TARTING SYSTEM
	Make		Delco-Remy
	Model		1107664
	Rotation (Clockwise
	Engine or	ranking speed	NA.
Starting	Test cond		Engine at operating temperature
motor		Amps	AX
	Lock	Volts	NA
	test	Torque (lb. ft.)	NA
	Ne	Amps	75 (max.)
	No load	Volts	10.3
	test	RPM (min.)	6900
	Switch (s	olenoid, manual)	Solenoid
	Starting		3 & 4-Speed, shift into neutral and depress clutch.
Mana-	procedur	•	Powerslide place selector lever in "P" (Park) or "N"
Motor control			(Neutral). To start engine, depress accelerator pedal to floor, release, turn ignition key to extreme right.
		with special ca	Rev. Form 1-

		HEVROLET	Corvette			
ODEL _		1				
EFL	ICTRICA	L—STARTING	3 SYSTEM (cont.)			
	Engagement	type	Positive shift solenoid			
Ī	Pinlan mesh	es (front, rear)	Front			
otor ive	Number	Pinion	9			
"		Flywheel	168			
	Flywheel to	oth face width	Jul 35			
EL	ECTRICA	L-IGNITION	SYSTEM			
	Make	<u> </u>	Delco-Remy			
	Model	 	1115091 (e)			
it		Engine stopped	h.0			
			1.8			
	Make	<u></u>	Delco-Remy			
	Model		11109h6 (a)			
		Carra (mar)	00 600 (c)			
	Centrifugal adv. in crankshaft	Start (rpm)	11,0 1500 (c)			
	degrees @	points deg. @ rpm	28@ 37.00 (c)			
istributor			00 8 (d)			
	Vacuum	Start (in. Hg)				
	adv. in crankshaft	Intermediate points, deg.@in.Hg				
	in. Hg	Max.deg. in. Hg.	150 15.5 (d)			
	Breaker go	p (in.)	.al8			
	Cam angle (deg.)		26-33			
		m tension (oz.)	19-23			
	Crankshaft	deg. @ rpm.	LO BTCO 600 RPM (b)			
	Mark loca	tion	Damper			
iming		numbering system	Ieft bank - 1-3-5-7 Right bank - 2-4-6-8			
		er (see page 2)	1-8-li-3-6-5-7-2			
	Make and					
	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		AC-46			
park	Thread (m	m)	14.			
lug	<u> </u>	e torque (lb. ft.)	25			
	Gop		.033038			
	Conducto		linen core impregnated with electrical conducting material			
Cable	Insulation		Rubber with neoprene jacket			
	<u> </u>	p protector	Hymalon jacket			
	ELECTRIC	CAL—SUPPR	ESSION			
_			Non-metallic high tension cable			
Description	in .		il de la companya de			

(b) 140 BICs 1000 RPM with Fuel Injection and special cam

(d) 00 5,240 13.5 with Fuel Injection; no vacuum advance with 2 x 4-bbl. shuretors and Fuel Injection with special cam

⁽a) 1110891 with 2 x 4-bbl. carburetor 1110914 with Fuel Injection and special cam.

⁽c) 00 1000 RPM, 500 1500 RPM, 2200 6000 RPM with Fuel Injection and special cam

ELECTRICA Speed- ometer Trip odometer (y Charge indicator -type Temperature indicator -type Oil pressure indicator -type Fuel indicator -type Other Identify position in order and circuits controlled Ignition switch Provision for ill Location	Count Verti	Gauge Gauge Gauge Gauge Tachomet	t	Off, "Lock" "Off, " unlocked "On", ign. & accessories			
Speed- ometer Trip odometer (y Charge indicator-type Temperature indicator-type Oil pressure indicator-type Fuel indicator-type Other Identify position in order and cir cuits controlled Ignition switch	Count Verti	Gauge Gauge Gauge Gauge Tachomet Gauge Gauge Tachomet Gauge Tachomet Gauge Gauge Gauge Gauge Tachomet Gauge Gauge Gauge Gauge Tachomet Gauge Gauge Gauge Gauge Tachomet	No Ammeter (electric) (bourdon tube) (electric) (er (mechanical	Off, "Lock" "Off, " unlocked "On", ign. & accessories "Start", ign. & starter,			
Charge indicator-type Temperature indicator-type Oil pressure indicator-type Other Identify position in order and circuits controlled Ignition switch Provision for ill	County Verti	Gauge Gauge Tachomet er clockwise from vert cal cos. clockwise from vert cos. clockwise from vert	No Ammeter (electric) (bourdon tube) (electric) (er (mechanical	Off, "Lock" "Off, " unlocked "On", ign. & accessories "Start", ign. & starter,			
Charge indicator -type Temperature indicator -type Oil pressure indicator -type Oil pressure indicator -type Other Identify position in order and cir cuits controlled Ignition switch Provision for ill	County Verti	Gauge Gauge Tachomet er clockwise from vert cal cos. clockwise from vert cos. clockwise from vert	Ammeter (electric) bourdon tube) (electric) er (mechanical	Off, "Lock" "Off, " unlocked "On", ign. & accessories "Start", ign. & starter,			
Temperature indicator-type Oil pressure indicator-type Fuel indicator-type Other Identify position in order and cir cuits controlled Ignition switch Provision for ill	Verti lst p 2nd p	Gauge Gauge Tachomet er clockwise from vert cal cos. clockwise from vert cos. clockwise from vert	(electric) bourdon tube) (electric) er (mechanical	Off, "Lock" "Off, " unlocked "On", ign. & accessories "Start", ign. & starter,			
Oil pressure indicator-type Fuel indicator-type Other Identify position in order and circuits controlled Ignition switch	Verti lst p 2nd p	Gauge Gauge Tachomet er clockwise from vert cal cos. clockwise from vert cos. clockwise from vert	bourdon tube) (electric) er (mechanical	Off, "Lock" "Off, " unlocked "On", ign. & accessories "Start", ign. & starter,			
Oil pressure indicator-type Fuel indicator-type Other Identify position in order and circuits controlled Ignition switch	Verti lst p 2nd p	Gauge Tachomet er clockwise from vert cal os. clockwise from vert cos. clockwise from vert	(electric) er (mechanical	Off, "Lock" "Off, " unlocked "On", ign. & accessories "Start", ign. & starter,			
Other Identify position in order and circuits controlled Ignition switch Provision for ill	Verti lst p 2nd p	Tachomet er clockwise from vert cal	er (mechanical	Off, "Lock" "Off, " unlocked "On", ign. & accessories "Start", ign. & starter,			
Identify position in order and circuits controlled switch	Verti lst p 2nd p	er clockwise from vert cal	t	Off, "Lock" "Off, " unlocked "On", ign. & accessories "Start", ign. & starter,			
In order and circuits controlled Ignition switch Provision for ill	Verti lst p 2nd p	cal	t	"Off," unlocked "On", ign. & accessories "Start", ign. & starter,			
	lumination	On instrument name	None				
Location		On instrument page	., -,				
	4	City Trical trimenting Control	On instrument panel, right of steering column				
Main light- ing switch	lst r 2nd r	Depressed - off lst notch - Instru. panel, parking, tail, license lights 2nd notch - Instru. panel, head, tail, license lights Rotate clockwise to dim or turn off instru. panel lights, counter clockwise to turn on or brighten panel lights.					
Locations and lamps controlls Other light switches	ed Stee: Hingo	e below instmu. Danel	#8478 800 80 7 8 8 0 0 7 7 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	- Turn signal lamps - Courtesy lamp (b)(c)			
Locations and vices controlle Other switches	Inst	my namel left become		- Elect. window lifts (d)			
Make			Delco				
Туре		Elec	tric, 2-speed				
Windshield wiper Vacuum booste provision	er		None				
Washer provisi	ion	Factory O	tional Accesso	ry (a)			
Туре			Vibrator				
Horn Number used		2					
Amp draw (ec	ech)	8.0-1	1.0 @ 12.5 Vol	ts			

⁽a) Includes co-ordinator and vacuum reserve tank
(b) Available as a Factory Optional Accessory

⁽c) Switch on lamp housing also

⁽d) Available as a Regular Production Option

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AODEL	Į	Corvette				
ELECTRICAL—LAMP BULBS						
ive quant	tity used and trade coessaries which a	number, e.g., Headlamp 2-5400 S, dual headlight 2-4001, 2-4002. re not standard equipment by an asterisk following the numbers.				
•		Dual horizontal 2-4001 (inner), 2-4002 (outer)				
Headlamps & arrangement Headlamp beam indicator		1-53				
		2-103h (h cp. filaments)				
Parking lig		2-103h (h cp. filaments)				
Tail light		2-32 cp. filements of tail light bulbs				
Stop light	Front	2-32 cp. filements of parking light bulbs				
Direction signal	Recr	2-32 cp. filaments of tail light bulbs				
		2-57				
Indicator License plate light		2-67				
		5-57				
instrument		None				
Ignition is		None				
Back up i		None				
Dome ligh		1-67				
Clock ligh		1_GE_1891				
Radio ligi		None				
	ompartment light	1-53*				
	rske alam	1-90*				
	ay light	1 52				
Cig-li	ighter lig	T				
Use trad	ELECTRIC ie number of fuse	AL—FUSE &CIRCUIT BREAKER DATA , e.g., SFE-10. Indicate circuit breaker by ampere capacity suffixed by letters "C.B.", e.g., 30 C.B. Where fuse or circuits indicate first use by a letter and repeat the same letter for all units protected by the same fuse or circuit breake				
breaker	protects multiple	(a), Direction indicator same as (a).				
Headlam		15 CB (a)				
	np beam indicator					
Parking		(a)				
Tail ligh		3 AG/AGC - 10 amp (b)				
Stop lig		(b)				
		Flasher				
Direction indicator License plate light		(b)				
	ent light	AGC = 3 amp (c)				
Ignition		None				
<u> </u>	a liaht	None				
Down I	p light	None				
Dome I						
Clock	ight	None 3 AG/AGC - 10 amp (d) (c)				
Clock Clock	ight	None 3 AG/AGC - 10 amp (d) (c) Light: (c). Receiver: 3 AG/AGC 7.5 amp				
Clock Clock Radio	light	None 3 AG/AGC - 10 amp (d) (c) Light: (c), Receiver: 3 AG/AGC 7.5 amp None				
Clock Clock Radio Glove	light Comportment light	None 3 AG/AGC - 10 smp (d) (c) Light: (c), Receiver: 3 AG/AGC 7.5 amp None (d)				
Clock Clock Radio Glove	light comportment light brake alar	None 3 AG/AGC - 10 smp (d) (c) Light: (c). Receiver: 3 AG/AGC 7.5 amp None (d) 10 CB (e)				
Clock Clock Radio Glove Park Powe:	light comportment light brake alar windows	None 3 AG/AGC - 10 smp (d) (c) Light: (c), Receiver: 3 AG/AGC 7.5 amp None (d)				
Clock Clock Radio Glove Park Powe:	light comportment light brake alar r windows er blower	None 3 AG/AGC - 10 amp (d) (c) Light: (c). Receiver: 3 AG/AGC 7.5 amp None (d) li0 CB (e) 3 AG/AGC - 10 amp (c)				
Clock Radio Glove Park Powe: Heat	light comportment light brake alar windows	None 3 AG/AGC - 10 amp (d) (c) Light: (c), Receiver: 3 AG/AGC 7.5 amp None (d) 10 CB (e) 3 AG/AGC - 10 amp				

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MAKE OF CARCHEVROLET MODEL DRIVE UNITS—CLUT		EVROLET	MODEL YEAR 1959 1	DATE: ISSUED 7-15-58 REVISED 10-16-58		
			Corvette			
		-CLUTCH	CH (Manual Transmission)			
Make & type			Borg and Beck, dry plate			
Type pressure	e plate springs		Coi			
Total plate p			1620 1	nitial		
No. of clute	h driven discs	<u> </u>	Ort			
Clutch	Material		Premium woven asbestos composition			
	Outside & insid	ie dia.	10.0 x 6.5			
	Total eff. area	(sq.in.)	90.72			
facing	Thi ckness		.132-	.138		
	Engagement cur ing method	shion-	Spri	Springs		
Release bearing	Type & method of lubrication		Bal'l bearing, sealed			
Tarsional damping	Methods: spri friction mater		Spring at hub			
DI	LIVE UNIT	S-TRANSM	ISSIONS			
Manual (st	id. or opt.)		Standard			
Manual with overdrive (std. or opt.)		. or opt.)	None			
Automatic (Optio	onal		
DI	RIVE UNIT	S-MANUA	L TRANSMISSION			
Number of	Number of forward speeds		3-Speed (standard)	h-Speed (optional)		
1.1	In first		2.21:1	2.20-1		
	In second		1.32:1	1.66:1		
Transmission ratios	In third		1.00:1	1.31:1		
, 41100	In fourth		None.	1.00:1		
In reverse			2.51:1	2,26:1		
Synchronou	s meshing, specif		2nd and 3rd	1st,2nd,3rd,4th		
—	Capacity (pt.)					
	Type recomme		A-9 mineral lubricant			
Lubricant	2VE A13-	mmer	SAE-90 SAE-90			
		inter	SAE-80			
	Ex	ctreme coid				

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MODEL				Corvette		
MUUEL			_ 			
D	RIVE	UNIT:	-MANUAL TRA	INSMISSION WITH OVERDRIVE		
_			nual transmission section			
	Type (planetary or other)			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	Manual lockout (yes, no)			None		
	Downshift accelerator control (yes, no)					
Minimus cut-in speed			speed	<u> </u>		
	Gear ratio		·			
Overdrive	Capacity (Overdrive only)		(Overdrive only)			
	1 1	Separate filler (yes, no)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	10-	Type reco		•		
	100	SAE vis-		•		
		cosity	Winter \	-		
	1 1	number	Ext, cold			
DI	RIVE	UNITS	-AUTOMATIC T	RANSMISSION		
Trade name				Powerglide		
Type descri						
				Torque converter with planetary gears		
Method of Selection (Lever, Push Button or other)				Lever		
Selector Pattern				P-Park, R-Reverse, N-Neutral, D-Drive, L-Low		
List gear ratios Selector Pattern and indicate which are used in each selector position				Drive 1.82-1.00:1 In the limit of the lim		
Mast, upshi	ift speed	- drive	7000	55		
Max, kickd				<u></u>		
TT CALL		or of elem				
Torque convertor	Mox. r	Max. ratio at stall at engine rpm		2.1:1		
CONTENTO		<u>`</u>	(gir water)			
	Type of cooling (air, water) Capacity—refill (pt.)			Air ·		
Lubricant				Type "A", Suffix "A"		
Type recommended			-	Tipe a journe "		
Special transmission features			• •	Three element hydraulic torque converter with automatic planetary gear system for reverse and low		

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MAKE OF	CAR_	CHEVROLE'	T MODEL YEAR 1959 DATE: ISSUED 7-15-58 REVISED 10-16-5		
MODEL			Corvette		
	RIVE	JNITS-PRO	PELLER SHAFT		
Number used					
Type (exposed, torque tube)			Exposed		
Manual transmission		-			
Outer	1		2.50 x 3h.55 x .065		
diameter x	Overdrive transmission Automatic transmission				
length* x wail			None		
thickness					
			Same as manual transmission		
	Type (plain, anti-friction)		,		
Inter-			None		
mediate . bearing	Lubrication (fitting,				
	prepack)	. (None		
	Make				
			Own		
	Number us	ed	2		
	Type (ball	and trunnion,			
Universal joints	cross, othe	r)	Yoke & spider (trumpion)		
		Type (plain,			
		anti-friction)	Anti-friction		
	Bearing	Lubric. (fitting, prepack)	Fitting		
Drive taken through (tarque tube or arms, springs)		rque tube			
Torque take	n through (t	orque tube	Rear springs and radius rods		
or orms, spri	ngs)		Rear springs and radius rods		
	DRIVE	UNITS-REA	AR AXLE		
Description	- (incl. iii	nited slip	Standard axle - Semi-floating, overning pinion gear.		
differential)			Standard axle - Semi-floating, overhung pinion gear. Optional "Positraction" - Semi-floating, overhung pinion gear. Spicer limited slip with dual 4 disc clutches applied by reaction torque through the differential side gears.		
		ļ	spicer limited slip alon dual differential side gears.		
Drive Pinio	n Offset	1	1.5		
No. of diff	erential pi	nions	2 (b)		
	Automatic	transmission	 -		
Gear ratio		<u> </u>	3.55:1. 9-32 (a)		
and No.	Overdrive	e trans.			
of teeth			None None		
	Manual transmission		3.70:1, 10-37 (a)		
Ring gear p	Ring gear pitch diameter & O.D.		8.375 p.d. & o.d.		
Pinion adju	stment (shir	n, other)	Shim		
Pinion bear	ing adj. (sh	im, other)	None		
Wheel bearing type					
	Capacity (pt.)		<u> </u>		
	Type rec	ommended	A=9 hypoid		
Lubricant	SAE vis-	Summer	SAE-90		
	cosity number	Winter	SAE-90		
		Extreme cold	SAE-90		

(b) 4 pinions in Positraction axle.

^{*}Center to center of universal joints, or to centerline of rear attachment.

⁽a) Optional Positraction axles available with 3.70:1 (10-37), 4.11:1 (9-37), or 4.56:1 (9-41) ratios with menual transmission. Positraction not available with automatic transmission.

pe & material (size and structure)	al flange type) Type (bolt a Circle diam Number and	r stud)	AHEE	Short spoke disc,		
pe & material (size and structure)	al flange type) Type (bolt a Circle diam Number and	r stud)	AHEE			
n (size and a sachment)	flange type) Type (bolt o Circle diam Number and	r stud)		Short spoke disc.	1 1 1	
n (size and a sachment)	flange type) Type (bolt o Circle diam Number and	r stud)			pressed steet	
D andard	Type (bolt o Circle diam Number and	r stud)		15 x 5K		
D	Number and	oter		Stud		
D				4.75		
andard		size		5, 7/16		
andord	RIVE U	NITS-T	IRES			
	Size & ply			6.70 x 15		
	Type - Ny	lon, etc.		Rayo		
	Sidewall c	olor		Blac	<u> </u>	
L	Size & ply		1	6.70 x 1		
:=tional [Type - Ny	lon, etc.		Rayon		
	Sidewall c	olor		▼hite		
v/mile at 3	0 mph			760 2h pa		
fiation	Front			2h p:		
ess.(cold)	Rear		1		<u> </u>	
1	BRAKES	-SERY	ICE		al hardway 140	
/pe			_ [el hydraulic Optional (c)	
	_			Regular production		
ower brake	уре				108	
ffective are	a (sq. in.)			157	120	
eross lining				157	56%	
ercent brok	e effectiven			56%		
	Diameter	Frant	—			
rum		Rear		Composite; cast alloy iron rim, pressed steel web		
	Type and			Bonded	Riveted	
1	Bonded or			Full molded asbestos comp.	Sintered Iron	
		Material Size	Front	9.29 x 2.0 x .175	2.00 x 1.00 x .175	
ļ	Front Shoe	(length x width x thickness)	Rear	9.29 x 1.75 x .175	2.00 x .875 x .175	
	}	Samuel 8	1	1	6	
Brake lining		Segments P	er snoe	Full molded asbestos comp.	Sintered Iron	
		Material Size	Front	11.69 x 2.0 x .175	2.00 x 1.00 x .295	
	Rear Shoe	(length x width x thickness)	Rear	11.69 x 1.75 x .175	2.00 x .875 x .295	
	1	Segments p	er shoe	1	10	
Wheel cyl-	Front				125	
inder bore	Rear				. <u>.0</u>	
Master cyli	1				0	
Available (5	
		. pedal lood		700 a	approx	
<u></u>				Adjust to a light dr	rag, back off 7 notches (d) Option Rev. Form 1	

(c) Heavy duty cerametalix brakes and suspension also available as a Regular

Production Option.

(d) Back off 12 notches on sintered iron brakes.

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> Optional Heavy Duty Brakes (a) (Not recommended for street use)

Туре				Servo, 4 wheel hydraulic	
Effective area (sq. in.)			(sq. in.)	121.5	
			ea (sq. in.)	121,5	
Brake	eff	ective	mess, front	62%	
DIGAE	T		Front	11	
Drum	Dia	meter	Rear	11	
) rum	Тур	e & ma	terial	Composite; cast alloy iron rim, pressed steel web	
Den les		ooling at		Vanes cast on drum rim,	
	h wh			air scoop on backing plate	
		Attachment		Welded	
Brake		Material		Cerametalix	
linir	ا. م		Front wheel	2.25 x 2.50 x .220	
front		' Size	Rear wheel	2.25 x 2.00 x .220	
shoe	´		its per shoe	2	
	- +	Attack		Welded	
Brake	e -			Cerametalix	
lini	ng.	Material Front wheel		2.25 x 2.50 x .220	
rear	1	Size	Rear wheel	2.25 x 2.00 x .220	
shoe		<u></u>	nts per shoe	4	
		Segmen	Front	1.125	
Wheel	l cy:	1. bor	Rear	.875	
Master cylinder bore				1.0	
Available pedal travel			l travel	4.5	
Line	nre	ssure (100 lb. pedal load	700 approx.	
Shoe	cle	arance	adjustment	Adjust to alight drag, back off 27-32 notches	

⁽a) Available with heavy duty suspension as a Regular Production Option.

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MODEL		Corvette
	BRAKES-PA	
ype of cont	trol	T-handle pull rod
ocation of		Below inst. panel, left of steering column
Operates on		Rear service brakes
<u> </u>	Type (Internal or ex	
f sepo- ate from	Drum diameter	None
ervice ordkes	Lining size (length width x thickness)	None
	FRAME or U	NITIZED CONSTRUCTION
Type and description		Full length welded box section side members, "I" beam "I" member Bracing from "I" member to front side members. "U" type rear sho absorber cross member. Box section front and rear cross members.
	SUSPENSION	-GENERAL (See Supplemental page 16 for details on Air Suspension)* (2)
Provision fo	or car leveling	None
	or broke dip control	None
Provision fo	or acc. squat control	None
Special pro	ovisions for	Scissors - type jack provided
Shock	Туре	Direct, double acting (c)
absorber	Make	Delco
front &	Piston dia.	1.0 (b)
Other special features		Auxiliary radius rods in rear to control spring wind-up.
	SUSPENSIO	N-FRONT
Type and a	description	Unitized, independent, short & long arm
		(Continued) Rev. Form 1-58

(a) Air suspension not available on Corvette

(b) 1-3/8 on optional heavy-duty brakes and suspension.

(c) Each contains nitrogen-filled envelope in fluid reservoir to prevent fluid aeration.

Air Suspension: Air spring type Compressor data Normal operating pressures spring rates leveling data

	CAR			··	vette		
ODEL				Cor	ve tue		
	PENSI	ON FRO	ONT (co	nt.)			
					oil		
_	Type Material			Chrome a	lloy steel		
		design heigh x dla.	# & 1.D.;	9.62×3.002×116.0×.550(x)	60+3,002x116.0x.550(x) 9.12x3.175x105.0x.636 (b		
wina L	Spring rate (ib. per in.)			300 (=)	550	(b)_	
		el (lb. per		170	200	<u> (Ъ)</u>	
		d (lb. @ des		1235 @ 9.62 (8)	11),5 @ 9.12	<u>(P)</u>	
	Type (link, frameless)				Link		
	Material 8	bor diame	ter	H-r-steel 67-70 (s).	Warsteel, 81	<u>(b)</u>	
	ERING		···				
JIE lechanical (St	and ard		
ower (std.,					None		
Vheel dlome					17*		
	Outside Wall to wall (ll (l. & r.)	Left: 39 feet, right: 38.5 feet			
uming		Curb to curb (I. & r.)		Left: 37 feet, right: 36.5 feet			
iameter	Inside Wall to wall		11 (1. & r.)	NA			
ĺ	rear Curb to curb (1. & r.)			NA NA			
Outside whe	el angle wi	th Inside wh	eel at 20°		170		
		Туре		Semi-reversible, worm	and ball bearing sector	r	
		Make		Saginaw			
Mechanical	Gear	Ratios	Geor		6.0:1		
	Ĺ	AGTIOS	Overali	21.0:1 (#)	16.3:1 (b)		
	No. whee	i turns		3.70 (a)	3.25 (b)		
<u> </u>	Туре				None		
	Make						
	Trade no	me					
		Туре					
Power	Gear	3	Cov				
	1	Reties	Cverail		· =		
	Pump dri	ven by		•			
	Number	wheel turns					
	Туре			Cen	ter point	. —	
Linkoge		(front or re	er -		of wheels		
Filerofia	of wheels, other) Drog link (trans. or longit.)			. <u></u>			
Filerofie			In-min Y		gitudinal		

⁽a) Regular production equipment
(b) Used with optional heavy duty brakes and suspension.

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· · · · · -	STEERING (cont.)				
	incilnation at camber (deg.)			3 ⁰ 301-4 ⁰ 301	
Steering -		Upper		Bushing	
	Bearings	rings Laute		Bushing	
-	(type)	Thrust		Single row ball	
	Caster (de	g.)			
	•	design	load	2°±301	
Wheel alignment (range and	Camber (d			0°±301	
preferred)	Toe-in (outside tread- inches) @ design load			.00 to .12 per wheel	
Steering sp	India & join	nt type		Rayarsa alliott	
Wheel	Diameter	Inner bearing		1.2810-1.2815	
spindle		Outer bearing		.7L987503	
	Thread size			3/4-20	
	Bearing type			Ball	
SU	SPENS	ION-I	EAR		
Type and a	escription			Outrigger mounted leaf springs	
Drive and	torq. taken	through (se	e page 14)	Rear springs and radius rods	
	Туре			Leaf, semi-elliptic	
	Material			Chrome carbon steel	
ı	Size (leng and I.D.;	gth x width bar length	, coil design height & dia.)	51.0x2.0	
	Spring rat	e (lb. per i	n.)	115 (a) 145 (b)	
Spring	Rate at w	heel (lb. pr	r in.)	N.A.	
	Design lo	ad (lb. at d	esign helght)	725 @ .08 negative camber height	
	Mounting	insulation	type	Rubber bushed	
		No. of I	eqves .	L (a) 5 (b)	
	11	inserts	Type and size	3 liners:19.8.31.8. h6.3 lengths x 1.9 widths x .11 thick	
	leaf		Material	Wax impregnated fibre board (c)	
			(comp. or tens.)	Tension	
Stabilizer	Type (link, linkless, frameless)			None	
	Material		·—-	None	
Track bar	type			Iongitudinal radius rods	

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⁽a) Regular production equipment.
(b) Used with optional heavy-duty brakes and suspension.
(c) Liners used on reg. prod., not used with opt. heavy-duty equip.

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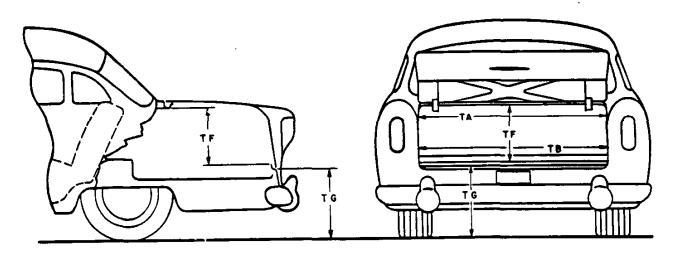
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BODY-GENERAL DEFINITIONS

NOTE: Included in the dimension definitions listed on this and the following pages are those which have been adopted by the S.A.E. These are Indicated by a number following the type of dimension, e.g. L. 3. Additional dimensions have been adopted by the AMA Specifications Body Sub-Committee for Inclusion in the Questionnaire. These are shown by an additional letter, e.g., HA. Symbol "a" added as suffix to SAE dimensions Indicates an AMA modification. The dimensions are developed from the following basic points:

- 1. Front and rear seat free "A" points are taken 5" forward of vertical tangent to seat back 15" from center of body.
- 2. Front and rear seat "B" points are located on seat back 15" from center of body at height of horizontal tangent to top of seat cushion.
- 3. Front seat is in the full down and normal rearmost position.
- 4. Loaded position—5 passenger, front 300 lb., rear 450 lb.; includes spare wheel, tire and tools, and full complement of gas, oil, water, and tires to recommended pressure, etc.
- 5. C/L (centerline).
- 6. D. L. O. (daylight opening, exposed glass dimension pages 21, 23 & 25).
- 7. Ramp breakover angle (page 21) is the supplement of the included ramp angle (180° minus the included ramp angle) over which a car can pass without hanging up.

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BODY-TRUNK DIMENSIONS	

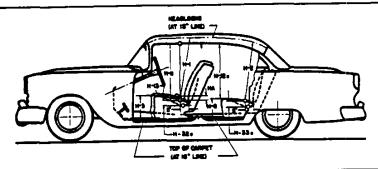


Usable trunk luggage capacity (see Section H1 of SAE Automotive Drafting Standards)	4.474 cu. ft.	
TA- Width across the top	யு.8 (st widest point)	
TB —Width across the bottom	Opening is oval	
TF—Vertical dimension at C/L from bottom to top of opening.	13.8	
IG—Vertical height from ground to trush lower opening (normal surface of outside sheet metal - loaded)	18.1	
Position of space tire stowage	Horizontal in trunk under floor	
Method of holding lid open	Counterbalance springs	

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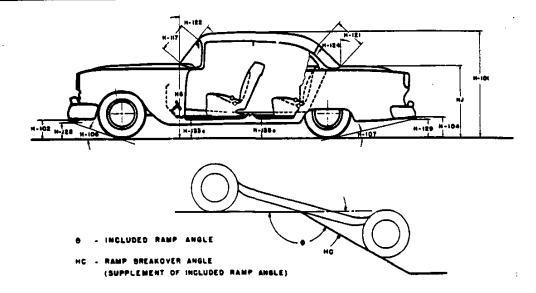
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BODY-	IEIGHT DIMEN	SIONSINTERIOR	



ODEL	Corvette	
H1. Front headroom—from free "A" pt. to headlining at 8° back of vertical on 15" line. (For "A" pt. see note 1, page 19)	Convertible: 35.3 Hard Top: 35.1	
H2. Rear headraom—from free "A" pt. to headlining at 8° back of vertical on 15" line.	- .	
H3. Front cushion height above law point on floor carpet on 15" line (front edge of cushion).	7.3	·
HS. Rear cushion height above low point on floor carpet on 15" line (front edge of cushion).		
H11. Entrance—front—cushion free "A" point to bottom windcard vertical.	29•7	
H12a. Entrance — rear — top of cushion at vertical tangent to front of rear seat, to bottom of windcord in rear.	-	
H13. Steering wheel clearance to seat cushion taken on arc (wheel turned for min. clearance).	5•3	
HA. Front seat maximum vertical rise at free "A" point.	N.A.	
HF. Front seat maximum vertical rise of free "A" point with multiple—position seat.	Not used	
H32a. Front seat depressed depth ~ vertical dimension from free "A" point to depressed "A" point.	N.A.	<u> </u>
H33a. Rear seat depressed depth — vertical dimension from free "A" point to depressed "A" point.	- -	

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BODY-HEIGHT DIMENSIONS-EXTERIOR

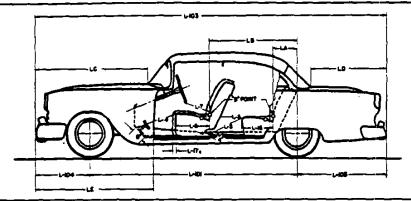


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H101. Overall height - loaded.	Convertible: 51.6 (a), Hardtop: 51	•5	
HB. Overall height - curb weight.	Convertible: 52.4 (b), Hardtop: 52	2.3	
H102. Front bumper bottom to ground at normal section.	17.0		
H104. Rear bumper bottom to ground at normal section.	15.3		
H106. Angle of apprfr. tire static loaded rad. to interfering pt. on fr. bumper, gd., other.	20 ^o 33¹		
H107. Angle of depfr. tire static loaded rad. to interfering pt. on rr. bumper, gd., other.	16°29'		
HC. Ramp breakover angle.*	70291		
H117. Windshield DLO-slant height.	17.3		
H121. Backlight DLO*-max., slant height.	. 11.5		
H122. Windshield slope angle to vertical line on car axis.	50 °		
H124, Backlight slope angle to vertical line on car axis.	N.A.		
H128. Ground to bottom of front bumper guard.	9.0		
H129. Ground to bottom of rear bumper guard.	8.9		
H133a, Bottom of front door to ground, min. dimension – car looded.	13.1		
H135a. Bottom of rear door to ground, min. dimension – car loaded.	-		
HD. Min. road clear. (5 pass. load) & loc.	5.9 Rear spring front hanger		
HE. Min. road clearance at rear axie.	8.0		
HG. Hood at rr. to grdvert. dim. excl. molding, fr. hood opening line at cowl (curb wt.)	36.5		
HH. Max, ht., fr. grd. frt. of windshield (curb wt.)	38,3		
HJ. Max. ht. fr. grd. back of r. window (curb wt.)	(b) Top down: 50.4	Rev. Form 1-58	

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BODY-LENGTH DIMENSIONS



MODE	L.	Corvette	
	L3. Rear comportment of front seat back to rear seat back.	_	
F	L4. Leg room—front—ball of fact to top of seat to seat back—15" line.	45.1	;,
F	L5. Leg room—rear—from ball of foot to top of seat cuthion and to seat backs		
	L7. Steering wheel clearance to seat back taken on arc.	16.0	
-	1.9. Front seat depth (front edge to vert. tan. to seat back on 15" line).	18.7	
Inte-	1.16. Depth of rear seat (front edge to seat back).	- -	•
rior	L17a. Total adjustment of front seat at front lower seat frame.	ग॰म	
	LA. Rear seat "B" point to center line of rear axie.		
	LB. Front seat "B" point to center line of rear axis.	23.7	
	LC. Front of car to base of windshield.	70.1	
	LD. Rear of car to base of rear window or upper structure.	N.A.	
ŗ	LE. Front of car to front edge of front door.	76.7	
	£101. Wheelbase.	102.0	
Exte-	£103. Overall length (bumper to bumper inc. guards).	177.2	
rior	L104. Overhang—front including bumper guards.	33.0	
Ì	L105. Overhang—rear including bumper guards.	42.4	

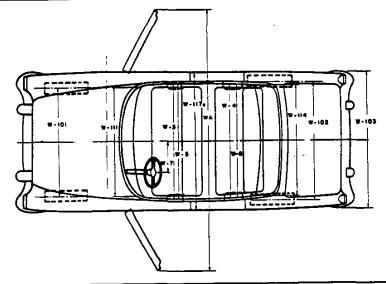
^{*} Dimension taken on 15" line—see notes 1 & 2, page 19.

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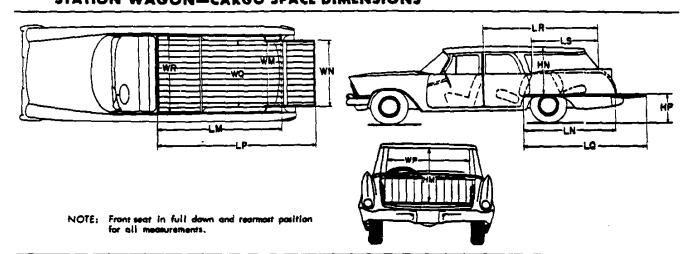
BODY-WIDTH DIMENSIONS



MODE	a.) _	Corvette
	W3. Front shoulder room, at garnish moulding height or nearest interference 515 forward of seat back.	49•4
Inte-	W4. Rear shoulder room, at garnish moulding height or nearest interference 51º forward of seat back.	•
rior	W5. Front hip room, at top of seat 5" forward of vert. tan. to seat back.	59.6
	W6. Rear hip room, at top of seat 511 forward of vert. tan. to seat back.	
	W7. Steering wheel center to center of body.	13.9
	WIO1. Front tread at ground.	57.0
	W102. Rear tread at ground.	59.0
	W103. Max. overall width of car including bumpers or mouldings.	72.8
Exte- rior	WA. Max. overall width of car with doors open.	N.A.
	W111. Windshield DLO,	53.6
	W114. Back window DLO,	Convertible: 34.3, Hardtop: 47.9
	W117a. Max. body width at center pillar, less hardware and applied moldings.	Rev. Form 1-58

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STATION WAGON—CARGO SPACE DIMENSIONS



MODEL	Corvette
LM Floor length from bottom of front seat to inside of tail gate in raised position.	Not Applicable
LN Floor ligth, from bottom of second sear to inside of tall gate in raised position.	
LP Floor igth, from bottom of front seat to end of tail gate in lowered position.	
LQ Floor lgth, from bottom of second seat to end of tall gate - tall gate lowered.	12
HM Maximum high, of rear opening - tail gate lowered.	n
WM Rear end opening width at floor.	13
WN Rear end ope. hig width at top of tall gate.	п
WQ Minimum distance between wheelhouses,	п
WP Maximum width of rear opening above raised tail gate.	n
WR Maximum width of corgo space at floor.	•
LR Cargo horizontal distance from top rear of front seat back to top of tall gate.	•
LS Cargo horizontal distance from top rear of second seat back to top of tail gate.	•
HN Maximum height of roof above floor at center line of car.	
HP Platform height of end of lowered tail gate - curb weight.	

Third Seat - facing direction.

BC	DY-MISCELLANE	OUS INFORMATION						
rs. hinged	Front doors	Front						
(front, rear)	Rear doors	400						
ype of finis	sh (lacquer, enamel).	Acrylic lacquer						
	location (front, rear).	Front						
lood sounts	erbalanced (yes, no).	No (linkage)						
	e control (internal, external).	Internal						
	rial) No. Location	Left front body hinge pillar						
Engine No.		Front right side of cylinder block						
	ction - type	Ignition, key not removable in "Off" (unlocked) position						
	w control method tion pivot).	None						
	type (single curved, curved, other)	Single curved						
	w type (flat, curved, three piece)	Folding top: one piece flexible plastic Hard top: one piece curved rigid plastic						
Side glass (type (curved, flat)	Flat						
	glass area D.L.O.	908 sq. in.						
	lass area D.L.O.	1,08 sq. in.						
	area D.L.O.	1816 so. in.						
<u> </u>	ODY-TYPES AND	STYLE NAMES — Body type, number of passengers & style names; use manufacturer's code for series & body style.						
BODY STY	rles:	CODES						
Corvet		2-door convertible, 2-passenger						

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MAJOR OPTIONAL ITEMS - WEIGHTS (ESTIMATED)

F	CLIRB - WEIGHT - PO		Corve	% PASS, WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION				
1		WEIGHT -	POUNDS	% PASS, WEIGH		Pais. in Rear		SHIPPING .
	Quo nt	Rear	Total	Front	Rear	Front	Regr	WEIGHT
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Accessories & Equipment Differential We						Rem	arks	
Accessories & Equipment Differential We								
	 		+ 6	A11 3	vehicle	and equ	ipment w	eights
Axla, Positraction Brakes & suspension, H.D.	 	+	+ 77	All vehicle and equipment weights are estimated. Equipment weights				
Brakes & Suspension, R.D.	+		+ 17		average.			
Carburetors, dual libble	†		- 7	1				
Fuel Injection	1		- 2	(a) In lieu of folding top.				
Hardtop (a)	†		+ 58	(b)	In addit	ion to	folding	top.
	1		+ 20					
He ater	**		+ 16	Ĭ				
Radio (noin)	/d		+ 2					
Sunshede (nair)	+	1	+ 1					
Tires, whitewall Top, hydraulic lift equi	- L'*		+ 314					
Transmission, 4-speed	T		+ 12					
Transmission, Powerglide	3		+101					
TRANSMISSION, FORSTELLIGE	1		+ 7					
Windows, power Windshield washers	1		+ 1					
Wheels, 15-5.50K	1		- 2					
INCOTS, 13-3-3-3-4	1							
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