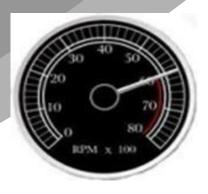


The Redline Newsletter



North Shore Corvettes of MA January 2025

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Greetings Members,



Happy New Year!

Your E-Board is already planning lots of activities for 2025! A complete schedule of events will be forth coming.

Coming up this month we have our monthly meeting at the Saugus/Everett Elks on January 8th, 401 Main St., Saugus at 6:30 PM followed by our Monthly Dinner get together on January 14th at the K-Pub Kitchen and Bar, 22 Lincoln Ave., Saugus at 6:30PM. This is always a fun night with Trivia following dinner.

Coming up next month is our winter escape to North Conway, NH, Feb. 22 thru the 24th for the Chocolate Festival being held on Feb. 23, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

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, <u>kirk.therrien@cwservices.com</u> or Jim Marchese, jpm7871@comcast.net with your suggestions.

🂛 " "SAVE THE WAVE" Frank Puccia NSCM President."

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NSCM CLUB CALENDAR:

2025 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS,

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NSCM's Club Calendar, Red NSCM sponsored, Green Non-Club Sponsored

KARS-N-KOFFEE WILL RETURN STARTING MAY 4TH 2025. An Impromptu Kars-N-Koffee Cruise-In from 9am to Noon every Sunday from May 4th 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.

JANUARY 2025

JANUARY 1, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD, E-BOARD MEETING @ KELLY'S ROAST BEEF, 6:30PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, MONTHLY CLUB MEETING @ THE SAUGUS/EVERETT ELKS, 401 MAIN ST., SAUGUS, MA @ 6:30 PM.

NSCM'S SCHEDULED EVENTS: THE PROPOSED EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS AS WE PROGRESS INTO THE CRUISE SEASON.

JANUARY 5TH, BOWLING, METRO BOWL, FOSTER ST., PEABODY

JANUARY 14TH MONTHLY DINNER GET TOGETHER, K-PUB RESTAURANT 22 LINCOLN AVE., SAUGUS, MA AT 6:30 PM AND TRIVIA STARTING AT 7:00 PM.

JANUARY 19TH, BOWLING, METRO BOWL, FOSTER ST., PEABODY

FEBRUARY 18[™] MONTHLY DINNER GET TOGETHER, CENTURY HOUSE, 235 ANDOVER ST., PEABODY, MA 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 22ND–24TH, WINTER ESCAPE, CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL IN NORTH CONWAY, NH

MORE EVENTS WILL BE POSTED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: 2025 BY LINDA PUCCIA

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 218

MEMBERSHIP SUBMISSION

Chevrolet's Live Inventory Shows 6,646 Corvettes on the Ground as of December 14th



Photo Credit: CorvetteFurman.com

On Friday, we posted our allocation report to discuss the <u>December 2024 Corvette order</u> <u>cycle</u> and the expected constraints. In that post, we took a look to see how recent Stingray production compares to what we saw earlier this summer. What we found that was that Stingray production has definitely been reduced, with approximately 650 less Stingrays being produced over the last three weeks as compared to similar three-week period back in June.

Our friend Jeff Thomas saw that report and shared with us that the Chevrolet.com Live Inventory Tracker was showing a total of 6,646 new Corvettes available at dealers nationwide. The Live Inventory Tracker allows you to see a radius up to 2,000 miles and Jeff found that if you use a zip code in Kansas, it effectively covers the entire continental USA. What is interesting to us is that Jeff had provided us a previous look at the <u>Live Inventory Tracker from</u> <u>August 1st</u> and it showed there were 3,888 Corvettes on the ground. So there are significantly more vehicles on the ground now then we had earlier this summer.

The <u>Chevrolet.com Inventory Tracker</u> combines both Dealer Stock and Customer Sold orders at dealers, as well as cars that may also be in transit. So not all these cars are available for sale, but it's a pretty decent statistic from a legitimate source that we can compare to. Here are those 6,646 Corvettes on the Live Inventory Tracker and how they break down:

Corvette Inventory

According to Chevrolet.com – On December 14, 2024 these are the following new Corvettes for sale in the United States. The majority are 2024 and 2025s with 20 Corvettes remaining from 2023:

- 2025 4,656
- 2024 1,970
- 2023 20
- Corvette Stingray 4,974
- Corvette Z06 1,213
- Corvette E-Ray 437
- Coupes 3,906
- Convertibles 2,740

Total new Corvettes available for sale in the U.S. - 6,646

How many Stingray Trims:

1LT = 718 2LT = 3,142 3LT = 1,139

How many Z06 Trims:

1LZ = 173 2LZ = 397 3LZ = 649

How many E-Ray Trims:

1LZ = 37 2LZ = 144 3LZ = 265

Body Styles:

- Corvette Stingray Coupes 3,040
- Corvette Stingray Convertibles 1,941
- Corvette Z06 Coupes 651
- Corvette Z06 Convertibles 568
- Corvette E-Ray Coupes 215
- Corvette E-Ray Convertibles 231

Exterior Colors for New 2023-2025 Corvettes

- Arctic White 1,318
- Black 1,027
- Torch Red 817
- Sea Wolf Gray 807
- Red Mist Metallic 591
- Hypersonic Gray Metallic 83
- Riptide Blue Metallic 459
- Competition Yellow 388
- Sebring Orange Metallic 115
- Hysteria Purple Metallic 406
- Carbon Flash Metallic 83
- Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic 54
- Silver Flare Metallic 57
- Rapid Blue 313
- Cacti Green 30
- Amplify Orange 27
- Accelerate Yellow Metallic 20
- White Pearl Metallic 1



NORTH SHORE CORVETTES OF MA, INC.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31

() 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 31st to February 28th for any renewals.

If a renewal is not received by March 1st the membership fee will be \$75.00.

PRINT 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**)

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To Join, go to our website <u>www.northshorecorvettes.com</u> and click on the Membership.

Application link or print the application form above and fill it out and mail to the address on the application along with your check.

NATIONAL CORVETTE Museum update:



HERE'S WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

January 2025– National Corvette Museum Report

submitted by Karen Blandini



A Piece of History

1999 Lionel Corvette Transport GP7 Train Set

Corvette enthusiasts know there is no shortage of products to which the sports car has lent its name. All kinds of toys, collectibles, and specialty items have used Corvettes as a theme, especially for products created by other iconic American brands. In 1999, for instance, toy designer Lionel partnered with General Motors to sell Corvette-themed train sets like this one. Donated to the National Corvette Museum by George Biederman, the set includes a locomotive, two flatbed cars, four die-cast Corvettes, and a caboose. This train is an O scale set, meaning the rolling stock is about 1:48 scale compared to a real train.

The set, called the Corvette Transport GP7, is a celebration of the Corvette's famous styling. The locomotive is red with a white cove and includes the Corvette crossed flags beneath the windows on the cab. Even the engine itself, the GP7, is a type of diesel-electric locomotive built from 1949 to 1954 by GM's Electro-Motive Division. The four die-cast Corvettes include a Polo White 1953 and Gypsy Red 1955, both from the first generation. Also along for the ride are a Torch Red 1997 and an Arctic White 1998 Corvette, representing the fifth-generation contemporary to the train set. The locomotive includes light and sound features, and the interior of the caboose even lights up as the train runs.

Although the Corvette has enjoyed a lengthy production run, Lionel's history of creating model trains is even longer. The present company traces its roots to 1900. By the 1920s, the original Lionel Corporation had become the American industry leader in producing toy trains. Lionel also encouraged department stores to make model trains part of their Christmas displays, which fostered the relationship between the holiday and train sets. Facing mounting financial difficulties by the late 1960s, the corporation began leasing the Lionel brand to another manufacturing company to produce the toy trains. The owner of the brand has changed several times since then, but the current version of Lionel continues to be a popular producer of model trains today.







<u>Andrea Bateman Named Director of Membership at National Corvette</u> <u>Museum</u>



The National Corvette Museum is pleased to announce Andrea Bateman as its new Director of Membership. A creative, forward-thinking leader with over 20 years of non-profit experience, Andrea's appointment recognizes her outstanding vision and contributions since stepping in to support Membership efforts earlier this year.

Andrea previously served as Executive Assistant to the CEO's Office at the National Corvette Museum, where she excelled in fostering strategic relationships and advancing organizational

goals. Her transition into the Membership role demonstrates her exceptional ability to connect with Corvette enthusiasts and align initiatives with the Museum's mission.

In her new role, Andrea will oversee all aspects of Membership, including communications, programs, and incentives. She will focus on expanding the Museum's Membership base, welcoming new Members, and recognizing the contributions of longstanding supporters. Additionally, Andrea will collaborate with the Development, Marketing, Collections, and other departments to ensure Membership initiatives align seamlessly with the Museum's strategic goals.

"It's been a privilege to work with our Members and share in their passion for America's Sports Car," explained Andrea. "I've had the opportunity to connect with incredible individuals who make the Corvette community so unique. I'm excited to build on these relationships, expand our Membership and programs, and continue celebrating the legacy of the Corvette."

Andrea's extensive background includes serving as Executive Director of Bethesda International Academy, where she implemented strategic policies, secured grant funding, and cultivated a collaborative culture among stakeholders. Her entrepreneurial spirit and diverse skill set make her uniquely qualified to lead the Museum's Membership program.

"Andrea's impressive background, including her time as Executive Assistant to the CEO's Office, has consistently shown her versatility and dedication to the Museum's mission," said Kaye Wagner, Chair, National Corvette Museum Board. "Her ability to engage Members, create value, and align Membership efforts with the Museum's strategic vision is remarkable. I'm confident she will take our Membership program to new heights." As Director of Membership, Andrea will play a key role in advancing the Museum's mission of educating global audiences on the evolution of the Corvette—America's Sports Car—and fostering a strong, engaged community of Corvette enthusiasts.

Andrea's appointment completes a robust leadership team, joining the recent appointments of Amy Hardin, Director of Development, and Andy Marcum, Director of Accounting. Together, the team is poised to drive the Museum forward as it approaches 2025, ensuring continued growth and innovation.

Andrea lives in Bowling Green, KY, with her husband Steve – a dedicated Museum volunteer and supporter as well –and their two children, Adeline and Theodore.

<u>Speed, Style, and Stories – National Corvette Museum Unveils Exciting</u> <u>2025 Lineup</u>

From thrilling new exhibits to once-in-a-lifetime events, the National Corvette Museum is gearing up to deliver unforgettable experiences to Corvette fans and car lovers everywhere. Here's what's in store:

• Speed Captured: The Photographic Works of Richard Prince

This breathtaking exhibition, which will open on Friday, March 7, 2025, celebrates the art of speed through the lens of famed automotive photographer Richard Prince. Known for capturing the essence of motion, design, and adrenaline, this exhibition will feature iconic Corvette images that bring the thrill of the track to life. Whether you are a racing enthusiast or an art lover, Speed Captured offers a striking perspective on Corvette's legacy of performance.

• Celebrating Events and Adventures

After the roaring success of the 2024 Caravan, the National Corvette Museum is ready to welcome back more than 20 sponsored events in 2025. From unforgettable trips to world-renowned racetracks like Le Mans and Daytona to the Kentucky One Lap in the fall, these experiences offer a unique way to experience the history of your Corvette. Mark your calendars for the National Corvette Museum Michelin Bash, April 24-26, 2025, and the National Corvette Museum Anniversary and Hall of Fame Ceremony August 28-30, 2025 —signature events that every Corvette fan should experience.

• Pop Culture and Corvette: An American Love Affair

From the silver screen to country music stars, Corvette has been front and center in America's love affair with speed and style and pop culture. The rotating collection currently features GM's Corvette Stingray Concept, better known as Sideswipe from Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen, and Brad Page | 17

Paisley's 1962 Corvette. Don't miss the immersive Skydome experience that puts you right in the scene with these legendary cars.

• Expanded Corvette Hall of Fame

Slated for opening in the second half of 2025, the expanded and reimagined Corvette Hall of Fame will shine a brighter spotlight on the incredible individuals who've shaped the Corvette legacy. This revitalized space will celebrate the passion, innovation, and contributions of Hall of Fame members in a way that's bigger and better than ever before.

Raffles, Raffles, Raffles



2025 Riptide Blue Corvette E-Ray Convertible Price: \$300.00 Tickets: 1994 Drawing: Jan 16, 2025 2:00 PM Central Time



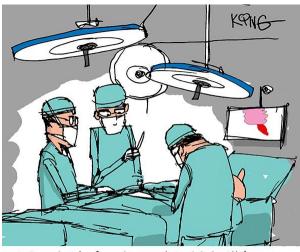
2025 Red Mist Corvette Coupe Price:\$150.00 Tickets: 1500 Drawing: Feb 13, 2025 2:00 PM Central Time



2025 Arctic White Corvette Coupe Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle Drawing: April 26, 2025 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.

CORVETTE COMEDY



"I'm tired of seeing red. I think I'll buy a black Corvette,"



"Awesome! My fitness tracker gave me permission to replace exercising with washing and waxing my Corvette."



"Instead of a baby sister, I'd rather have Corvette. Is it too late to trade her in?"



"Here's a Corvette for sale that costs \$57,942. All I need now is just \$57,000, and that baby is all mine."

CLUB NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

NSCM' ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TERESA'S PRIME, CRYSTAL ROOM DECEMBER $7^{\rm th},\,2024$









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CORVETTE NEWS

Chevy Sends Out a C8 Software Update Notification Which Requires a Visit to the Dealership



Photo Credit: CorvetteFurman.com

One of the advantages of using GM's Global-B electrical architecture in the new <u>C8 Corvette</u> has been the ability for the car to handle large amounts of data as various sensors send info back and forth to multiple control modules. Combined with your Corvette's wireless hotspot, that same system also allows your Corvettes to receive large data software updates over-the-air so that your car can easily stay updated with the latest changes from Detroit.

While some owners might say these over-the-air updates are one of the best things to happen to the Corvette, others who have encountered issues over the years while trying to update their

Corvettes might not be so sure. Hopefully, this next update from Chevrolet will resolve those problems.

Chevrolet issued a <u>Technical Service Bulletin for this update</u> back in July, saying that "The BCM software in certain cars may be preventing over-the-air (OTA) updates from progressing past the install step." This week, users on the forums and Facebook have recently been posted screenshots of the new software update available for their C8 Corvettes, which requires a trip to the dealership. Chevy says in the notice that, "This update will provide software improvements and optimize your vehicle for future over-the-air updates."

The reason for this dealership visit is that this update specifically targets the OTA Update system. The new update will be flashed to your Corvette, and the software update should help fix those issues where the battery may drain while the update is being installed. If the battery drain is too much, the update won't be completed and it could lead to other issues on restart of the vehicle. With the update done at the dealership, the service techs will reprogram the BCM software, and GM says the process should take less than an hour.

We call this a fix for future fixes, which is a good thing so make sure you get that dealership appointment set. If you have already taken your C8 Corvette to the dealership for this update, chime in below with your experience.



Your vehicle requires a software update

Charles, your Chevrolet Corvette is due for a software update that must be performed at a dealership. This update will provide software improvements and optimize your vehicle for future over-the-air updates. Once completed, your vehicle will have up-to-date technology, including the latest infotainment features, performance enhancements and more.

Contact your preferred Chevrolet dealership today to schedule this complimentary software update. They will provide you with the timing and details for your appointment.

Our highest priority is ensuring that you get the best driving experience possible.

First Retail 2025 Corvette ZR1 with VIN 001 To Be Sold at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale



Interest in the new 2025 Corvette ZR1 is at an all time high as we get closer to the beginning of

Interest in the new 2025 Corvette ZR1 is at an all time high as we get closer to the beginning of retail sales. Chevy has told dealers that the first allocations are expected in February and we think production could start as early as March 2025.

On Thursday, Chevrolet also came out with the <u>performance specs of the new King of the Hill</u>, and they confirmed it's the quickest Corvette ever with a 0-60 MPH time of 2.3 seconds and the ability to run the quarter mile in 9.6 seconds at 150 MPH with the optional ZTK track package.

Talking with dealers, we know demand for the new American supercar will be high while the initial production levels will be very low to start with before ramping up towards the end of the model year. At least, that's what we've seen with both the Z06 and E-Ray, so we expect Chevy to have the same level of due-diligence for rolling out the most powerful Corvette ever.



The good news is that we know of one Corvette that will be offered first to general public, and that is VIN 001. Chevrolet will be offering <u>the first retail example of the 2025 Corvette ZR1</u> at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale on January 25, 2025. As the first retail C8 Z06 was sold for \$3.6 million, some are estimating that the ZR1 could fetch \$4 million or more!

Chevrolet offers these first retail versions for charity, and 100% of the proceeds of this first VIN 001 Corvette ZR1 will go to the American Red Cross:



As per usual, the Corvette ZR1 shown on the Barrett-Jackson auction block will be one of the show cars that has already been produced. The winner of the car will have the opportunity to spec it out however they want it. That means the buyer can choose between the Convertible model or go with the iconic Split Window Coupe, their choice of color, and they can also decide on whether or not to add the ZTK Performance Package as the cherry on top!

Barrett-Jackson is currently showing the Competition Yellow Corvette ZR1 Coupe on its pages, and while the car will be sold sometime on Saturday, January 25th, the exact schedule hasn't yet been set, nor is there a lot number for the car.



While many of us will be watching to see if Mr. Hendrick adds to his collection of VIN 001 Corvettes, anything can happen if someone else wants it more. Stay tuned as January's auction scene is gonna be lit!

TECH TALK:

Some 2024 Corvette Units Will Need A Front Camera Module Replacement

Cold weather will cause the front camera module of certain <u>2024 Corvette</u> cars to become inoperative after the vehicle has sat in the cold for a while, according to a new service bulletin issued by GM.

General Motors Service Bulletin number N242453430 applies both to 2024 <u>Corvette</u> units owned by customers that are brought back to the dealership and those that are still in dealership inventory at the current time.



The service bulletin doesn't specify which variants of the 2024 Corvette are included, so the bulletin presumably applies to the <u>2024 Chevy Corvette Stingray</u>, the <u>2024 Chevy Corvette E-</u> <u>Ray</u>, and the <u>2024 Chevy Corvette Z06</u>. Affected vehicles are marked as "Open" on their Investigate Vehicle History screen in the warranty management system.

The remedy to be applied is to replace the front view camera module with a new module that doesn't have the issue with cold. The process is relatively quick for the <u>Chevy</u> Corvette, requiring about 24 minutes to complete. The fix is to be applied free of charge if the vehicle is still under New Vehicle Limited Warranty coverage.



Dealership service personnel are also instructed to carry out the fix on all affected 2024 Corvette units currently in the dealership's inventory. These vehicles can't be sold, delivered, traded to other dealerships, auctioned, or demonstrated until the proper fix has been applied. Front

camera modules are in limited supply, so they shouldn't be ordered as shelf stock but only to fix a specific affected Vette.

As a reminder, the 2024 Corvette is motivated by the naturally aspirated <u>6.2L V8 LT2</u> gasoline engine developing 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque for the <u>C8 Stingray</u>, the naturally aspirated <u>5.5L V8 LT6</u> gasoline engine rated at 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque for the <u>C8 Z06</u>, and the Stingray's V8 LT2 engine plus a front-mounted electric motor providing 655 horsepower for the <u>C8 E-Ray</u>.



All 2024 Corvette models ride on the <u>GM Y2 platform</u> under the body panels. Production of the Vette continues to take place at the <u>GM Bowling Green plant</u> in Kentucky.

GM Reminds C8 Corvette Owners How Important Transmission Maintenance Is

By <u>George Barta</u> Page | 38

December 2, 2024 1:01 am



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There's some confusion going around about proper maintenance for the 8-speed DCT automatic transmission that sends power to the wheels in the <u>C8 Corvette</u>. The confusion comes from a letter GM is sending to C8 owners reminding them of proper transmission maintenance.

Your Chevrolet Corvette is equipped with an advanced dual clutch transmission which requires some additional maintenance.

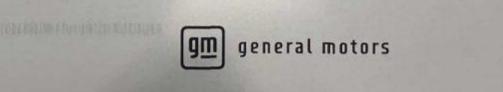
This is a reminder that the transmission oil filter in your vehicle must be replaced between 7,000-8,000 miles (12,000-13,000 km), at 22,500 miles (36,000 km), and at every additional 22,500 miles (36,000 km) accumulated. Please refer to the attached insert for information regarding the Maintenance Schedule for your vehicle.

If the transmission oil filter was replaced prior to 7,000 miles (12,000 km), it must still be replaced by 8,000 miles (13,000 km).

This important maintenance information is also available in your Owner's Manual and at https://www.chevrolet.com/support/vehicle/manuals-guides.

Next Steps for Your Vehicle:

- If you already replaced the filter before 7,000 miles (12,000 km) Replace the filter again by 8,000 miles (13,000 km)
- If you have not replaced the filter and mileage is under 7,000 miles (12,000 km) Replace the filter between 7,000-8,000 miles (12,000-13,000 km)
- If you have not replaced the filter and mileage is over 8,000 miles (13,000 km) Make an appointment with your dealer.
- If mileage is under 8,000 miles (13,000 km) and your vehicle is 3 or more years old Make an appointment with your dealer.
- Transmission oil needs to be changed every 3 years at a minimum. The oil can be changed independently from the external cannister filter. The transmission oil life monitor on board the vehicle may not reach 0% at the end of each 3 year period.



The letter reminds the <u>Corvette</u> owner that the transmission fluid filter must be replaced between 7,000 and 8,000 miles, at 22,500 miles, and at every additional 22,500 miles. The transmission fluid itself needs to be changed every 45,000 miles or every three years.

The confusing part comes for owners who had their transmission oil filter replaced before 7,000 miles. GM recommends that if you're one of these owners, you must have the filter replaced again by 8,000 miles. GM is very specific about a transmission oil filter replacement happening between 7,000 and 8,000 miles; no sooner, no later.



A Facebook user named Allan posted a photo of the letter from GM asking fellow C8 owners for clarification. The throbbing brain of the Internet assured Allan that the service intervals haven't changed, but free service changed as of the 2024 model year. For the 2024 model year and newer Corvette models, the free initial transmission service is good for three years rather than two. Also, the free first transmission service and free first engine oil change are now separate maintenance items, so they don't need to be performed at the same time to get both for free.

However, for those services to be performed for free at a Corvette-certified <u>Chevy</u> dealer, the number on the odometer has to be within the parameters of the recommended service intervals.

The transmission in question, the Tremec TR-9080 DCT, manages power for every C8 variant, including the base <u>Stingray</u>, the hybrid <u>E-Ray</u>, the track-ready <u>Z06</u>, and the monstrous upcoming <u>ZR1</u>.

This isn't the first tweak GM has made to the free first maintenance visit(s) for the C8. In 2022, two years after the mid-engine Corvette's debut, GM <u>increased the time window</u> for customers to receive reimbursement for the first service visit from 12 months to 24 months.

Some 2024-2025 Corvette Units May Have A Performance Data Recorder Glitch

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If you enjoy optimizing your <u>Chevy Corvette</u>'s performance and honing your white-knuckle driving skills, the Performance Data Recorder (PDR) can be a significant help to getting what you want out of your Bow Tie sports car. However, GM has identified an inoperative PDR issue in the 2024 and <u>2025 Corvette</u> for which it has a partial solution.



According to The General's official bulletin on the subject, bulletin number PIC6571, the issue is a "software anomaly" that may cause the PDR in your 2024 or 2025 Corvette to fail to work properly. When activated, the Performance Data Recorder application either displays a blank screen or that will fail to open at all. In some cases, a welcome screen is displayed, but the PDR remains inoperable.

Initial testing to see if the anomaly is causing the PDR malfunction consists of pressing the radio display's Home button while the inoperable PDR application is active. If the software glitch is the cause, the display will exit the application and the radio home screen will appear as normal.



Currently, the GM fix for the 2024 and 2025 Corvette problem consists of resetting the 12-volt battery of the <u>Chevy C8 Corvette</u>. The global reset needs to be carried out "for a full five minutes" per the bulletin's instructions to service personnel. The fix is conducted by detaching the battery cables and holding them in contact for the duration of the reset to discharge any remaining power in the Vette.

This procedure usually restores correct function to the Performance Data Recorder. GM remarks that "the issue is very unlikely to return at that point in time," but does leave open the possibility that the procedure won't fully remedy the issue in some cases. In this case, Service Information (SI) diagnostics should be used to determine if there are additional problems causing the PDR malfunction.



Notably, GM appears to be continuing the attempted development of a solution that won't require resetting the battery of the 2025 Corvette units affected by this issue. The 2025 <u>Chevy</u> Corvette continues to ride on the <u>GM Y2 platform</u>. Production takes place at the <u>GM Bowling Green</u> <u>plant</u> in Kentucky.

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