

The Year Was 1972...

- Email was introduced, Compact Disc developed and Atari releases arcade version of Pong
- Prozac is developed and the CAT Scan is developed in England
- President Nixon visits China and later orders the "Christmas" bombing of North Viet Nam
- 11 Israeli athletes are killed by terrorists at Olympic Games
- Dan Gable wins Gold in Wrestling and Mark Spitz seven metals in swimming
- George Wallace is shot by Arthur Bremer
- Median household income is \$9, 697
- HBO debuts first pay cable network
- Movies: The Godfather and Deliverance

In 1972...

- The Corvette Coupe cost \$5533 and 20,496 were produced while the Convertible cost \$5296 and 6,508 were produced
- Standard equipment included Positraction rear axle, outside rearview mirror, tinted glass, flo-thru ventilation system, four-wheel disc brakes, electric clock, carpeting, wheel trim rings, All-vinyl upholstery and anti-theft alarm system
- A 1972 Corvette with the base ZQ3 V-8 could do 0-to-30 mph in 3.1 seconds, 0-60 mph in 8.5 seconds and the quarter mile in 15.2 seconds at 83 mph.
- A 1972 Corvette with the LT1 V-8 could do 0-to-30 mph in 2.9 seconds, 0-60 mph in 6.9 seconds and the quarter mile in 14.3 seconds at 92 mph.
- A 1972 Corvette with the LS5 V-8 could do 0-to-30 mph in 3.8 seconds, 0-60 mph in 6.8 seconds and the quarter mile in 14.1 seconds at 93 mph.
- Even though the horsepower rating were lower (e.g., the 1971 LT1 was rated at 330 hp, but the 1972 LT1 was rated at 255 hp), the performance was the same. In 1971 and previous years, the horsepower rating was a gross figure calculated before adding any equipment (alternator, pumps, fans, etc.). But across the industry (not just GM), the ratings were calculated on a net figure. Many people incorrectly attributed the decrease to pollution equipment and the use of unleaded gasoline.

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