

## The Year Was 1974...

- President Nixon meets Leonid Brezhnev in Moscow to discuss nuclear disarmament
- India test an atomic device
- Nixon resigns, Gerald Ford sworn in as President and pardons Nixon
- Stamps cost \$.10
- People Magazine debuts with Mia Farrow on the cover
- Mikhail Baryshnikov defects to the US from Russia
- Stephen King publishes "Carrie"
- Deaths: Bud Abbott, Dizzy Dean, Duke Ellington, Charles Lindbergh and Ed Sullivan
- Music: I Will Always Love You by Dolly Parton and The Streak by Ray Stevens

## In 1974...

- The Corvette Coupe cost \$6002 and 32,028 were produced while the Convertible cost \$5766 and 5,474 were produced
- Major changes for 1974 involved a restyled, sloping rear end, elimination of the conventional rear bumper and replaced by a body-color urethane bumper, The new rear end eliminated the last vestiges of the long-lived rear-deck-lid spoiler and replaced it with a smooth-surfaced rear deck and a body-colored resilient urethane extension covering the actual rear bumper and including the circular taillights, The new rear end met federal energy-absorbing standards, It added 30 pounds to the weight of the Corvette, The rear cap section was of a two-piece design for 1974, but was changed to a one-piece design with a pair of fake bumperettes molded in for 1975 and The increased weight of the rear end cap necessitated minor suspension changes such as revised front and rear sprig rates.
- A new optional "Gymkhana" suspension featured, a 0.9375-inch (23.8 mm) diameter front stabilizer bar, heavier-duty front suspension bushings, front springs with a 550 lb/in rating and rear springs with a 304 lb/in rating

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