

The Year Was 1976...

- Nation Celebrates Bicentennial on July 4th
- Legionnaire Disease strikes in Philadelphia claiming 29 lives
- Jimmy Carter elected President
- US Navy tests Tomahawk Cruise Missile
- Alex Haley publishes Roots
- Bruce Jenner wins Gold in Decathlon while Nadia Comaneci scores 7 perfect 10's
- Boxing Gold Medals to: Leon Spinks, Michael Spinks and Sugar Ray Leonard
- Movies: Rocky, Taxi Driver, Network and All the President's Men
- Songs: Good Hearted Woman by Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson

In 1976...

- The Corvette Coupe cost \$7605 and 46,558 were produced
- Corvette was advertised as "America's only true production sports car."
- Two V-8s were offered this year the L48 (base engine) had 180 hp (up 9% from 1975) and the L82 (optional engine) produced 120 hp. It had special heads with larger valves, impact-extruded pistons, and finned aluminum rocker covers
- The standard V-8 was linked to a lighter automatic transmission: the Turbo Hydra-Matic 350, which was supposed to improve shifting at wide-open throttle.
- The optional V-8 kept the Turbo Hydra-Matic 400, but with a revised torque converter
- A new Carburetor Outside Air Induction system moved intake from the cowl to above the radiator.
- The convertible was dropped this year, so only the Stingray coupe remained.
- It had the removable roof panels.
- A partial steel underbody replaced the customary fiberglass, to add strength and improve shielding from exhaust system heat.
- A new one-piece bar Corvette nameplate was on the rear, between twin-unit tail lamps (which were inset in the bumper cover).

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