

The Year Was 1978...

- Pope Paul VI dies, new Pope John Paul I dies and is succeeded by Pope John II of Poland
- Camp David peace treaty is signed by Anwar Sedat and Menachem Begin
- Jim Jones followers commit mass suicide at Jonestown, Guyana
- Sony introduces the walkman
- Balloon angioplasty is developed to treat coronary heart disease
- Louise Brown, first test tube baby is born in England
- Recombinant DNA is used to produce insulin
- Life expectancy is 73.5 years
- Music: Hotel California by the Eagles and Take This Job and Shove It by Johnny Paycheck
- Movies: The Deer Hunter, Mid Night Express, Heaven Can Wait and Coming Home

In 1978...

- The Corvette Coupe cost \$9446 and 40,274 were produced
- To mark Corvette's 25th anniversary, the 1978 model received a major aerodynamic restyling with large wraparound back window and a fastback roofline.
- New tinted glass lift-out roof panels were wired into the standard anti-theft system.
- Indy Package: For a considerably higher price, buyers could have the Limited Edition replica of the Indy Pace Car with distinctive black-over-silver paint and red accent striping.
- Equipment in this "Indy Package" (RPO code Z78) included a special silver interior with new lightweight high-back seats, special front and rear spoilers, P255/60R1 5 white-letter tires on alloy wheels and lift-off glass canopy roof panels.
- The Indy Pace Car package's content included nearly all Corvette options, plus special decals (unless the customer specified that they be omitted).
- Upholstery was silver leather or leather with smoke gray cloth inserts.
- A production run of 2,500 was planned, but so many potential buyers who saw it at the New York Auto Show in February wanted one that the goal quickly expanded to 6,500 or roughly one for every Chevrolet dealer.

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