

## The Year Was 1985...

- Mikhail Gorbachev is new Soviet leader
- Two Shiite gunman capture TWA airliner with 133 aboard including 104 Americans
- PLO terrorists hijack the Achille Lauro Italian cruise ship
- Desktop publishing becomes popular with laser printers and computers
- Live Aid concerts are held to benefit African Famine victims
- Rock Hudson dies of AIDS at age 59
- Madonna launches her first tour
- Coca Cola launches "new Coke" but quickly backtracks to "Classic Coke"
- Hole in the Ozone Layer is discovered
- Music: What's Love Got to do With It? by Tina Turner

## In 1985...

- The Corvette Coupe cost \$21,800 and 51,547 were produced
- Electronic Spark Control (ESC) sensed knocking and adjusted timing to fit fuel octane.
- Under the chassis, the 1985 Corvette carried a reworked suspension (both standard and optional Z51) to soften the ride without losing control.
- The Z51 handling package now included 9.5-inch wheels all around, along with Delco-Bilstein gas-charged shock absorbers and a heavy-duty cooling system.
- New for the year were: Tuned Port Injection nameplate on fender molding and the second was the straight tailpipes at the rear.
- Delco Bose Stereo System sold for \$895
- To save weight, Corvettes used not only the fiberglass leaf springs front and rear, but over 400 pounds of aluminum parts (including steering, suspension components and frame members).
- Only 16 Corvettes are listed as having a CB radio, and only 82 were sold with an economy rear axle ratio.

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