

The Year Was 1990...

- South Africa frees Nelson Mandela
- Iraqi troops invade Kuwait starting the Persian Gulf War
- US Supreme Court overturns law banning flag burning
- The Simpsons debut on FOX and Seinfeld debuts on NBC
- Milli Vanilli admits to lip synching
- Hubble Space Telescope is launched
- President Bush signs the "Clean Air Act"
- Movies: Dances With Wolves, Good Fellas and Reversal of Fortune
- Music: Friends in Low Places by Garth Brooks and Wind Beneath My Wings by Bette Midler

In 1990...

- The Corvette Convertible cost \$37,264 and 7,630 were built and the Coupe cost \$31,979 and 16,016 were built
- Intended for production in limited quantity, with a price tag higher than any General Motors product, \$58,995, the ZR-1 became a collectible long before anyone ever saw one "in the flesh."
- Under the ZR-1's hood was a Lotus-designed 32-valve, dual-overhead-cam, 350-cid (5.7-liter) V-8, by Mercury Marine in Oklahoma.
- Standard ZR-1 equipment included an FX3 Selective Ride adjustable suspension, which was also available on standard Corvettes with the six-speed manual gearbox.
- New standard equipment included an engine oil cooler, 17-inch alloy wheels, and improved ABS II-S anti-lock braking.
- For a limited time an RPO R9G option was offered through Chevrolet dealers for competition-minded Corvette buyers who wanted to participate in the new World Challenge racing series.
- In 1990, Corvette chief engineer Dave McLellan was the annual recipient of the Society of Automotive Engineers' Edward N. Cole Award for automotive engineering innovation. McLellan was specifically recognized for his work on the ZR-1 package.

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