

The Year Was 2006...

- Muslim world erupts when Danish cartoonist publish cartoons illustrating Mohammad
- Saddam Hussein convicted and hanged
- Dick Cheney accidentally shoots "friend" with 200 pellets while hunting
- Fidel Castro hand the keys to Cuba to brother Raul
- Pluto loses status as planet – becomes a dwarf
- Bill Gates steps down from day to day operations
- Google buys YouTube and viewers watch 100 million videos per day
- Donald Rumsfeld resigns as Defense Secretary
- Number of deaths in Iraq top 3000
- Senate defeats "ban" on same sex marriage
- Movies: Borat, Cars, The Devil Wears Prada and Mission Impossible III
- Deaths: James Brown, Gerald Ford, Steve Irwin, Maureen Stapleton, & Casper Weinberger

In 2006...

- The Corvette Z06 cost \$65,800 and 6272 were produced, the Convertible cost \$52,335 and 11,151 were produced while the Coupe cost \$44,600 and 16,598 were produced
- A six-speed paddle shift automatic transmission was introduced as an option
- 2006 saw the re-introduction of high performance Z06 model, weighing only 3132 pounds with a 427 cubic inch dry sump engine producing 505 HP.
- The 2006 Z06 motor could honestly be described as a race car engine that was street legal. The specification sheet had a lot in common with what was found in the C5-R racing engine that won the GTS class at Le Mans and the 24 hours of Daytona overall. On the list was titanium connecting rods, CNC ported heads with titanium intake valves and sodium filled exhaust valves, an 11.0:1 compression ratio and cast aluminum flat top pistons.
- The automatic, which as a four speed was a no-cost buyer's option for 2005, became cost an extra \$1,250.00 in 2006. Oddly enough, a five speed transmission - automatic or manual - was never available in a Corvette.

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