

The Year Was 2008...

- Markets plunge around the World – Federal Reserve slashes interest rates
- Increased oil prices cause problems – oil speculation
- Citi Group and others report loss of 9.83 Billion because of Subprime Mortgages
- GM loses 38.7 billion
- Estimates of cost of “War” in Iraq estimated at 3 Trillion
- President Bush signs 700 billion bailout rescue package
- Barack Obama defeats John McCain to become President
- Sony’s BluRay now 70% of new Hi-Def market
- Apple debuts ultra thin MacBook Air
- Microsoft attempts to buy Yahoo for \$44.6 billion
- Daytona 500’s 50th Anniversary won by Ryan Newman
- Movies: Slum Dog Millionaire, Kung Fu Panda, Gran Torino, Mama Mia, Wall E, Indiana Jones and Benjamin Button

In 2008...

- Corvette Z06 cost \$65,800 and 7731 were produced, the Convertible cost \$45,995 and 7549 were produced and the Coupe cost \$52,335 and 20,030 were produced
- Engine displacement was increased to 6.2 liters (376 cubic inches) via a bore increase. Output was upped to 430 hp (424 lb.-ft. torque) Credit for the increase went to revised a camshaft / valvetrain, a high flow intake and the use of the Z06's fuel injectors. A new for '08 dual mode exhaust (RPO NPP; \$1195) which bypasses the muffler for a very aggressive sound. A similar system has been used on the Z06; the difference being that the Z06 used 3 inch pipes and the LS3 uses 2.5 inch pipes.
- The manual transmission shifter, which already worked amazingly well, was refined via shorter shifts. Upgrades in the automatic transmission resulted in quicker shifting. Two colors, Jetstream Blue Metallic Tintcoat and Crystal Red Metallic Tintcoat were added and the Le Mans Blue Metallic and Monterey Red Metallic Tintcoat were discontinued.

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