

The Year Was 1986...

- Space Shuttle Challenger explodes after launch killing all seven Astronauts
- Chernobyl, Soviet Union has major nuclear meltdown
- The Academic Encyclopedia is available on CD-Rom
- Nintendo video game is introduced in the US
- The Voyager makes the first flight around the world without refueling
- Halley's Comet makes a return
- Vaccine for Hepatitis B gains FDA approval
- Median household income is \$24,897 and Stamps now cost \$.22
- FOX network is created
- Opera Winfrey debuts
- New York Mets win World Series
- Music: The One I Loved Back Then (the Corvette Song) by George Jones

In 1986...

- The Corvette Convertible cost \$32,032 and 7,315 were made while the Coupe cost \$27,072 and 27,794 were produced
- The Corvette line added a convertible during the model year, the first since 1975.
- A computerized anti-lock braking system (ABS) was made standard.
- A small electrically-coded pellet was embedded in the ignition key, while a decoder was hidden in the car.
- The Corvette was the only street-legal vehicle to pace the 500-mile race since the 1978 Corvette Indy Pace Car.
- Instead of a conversion by an outside company, as had become the practice for most 1980s ragtops, Corvette's roadster was built by Chevrolet right alongside the coupe.
- Leather Sports Seats cost \$1025 and Malcolm Konner special paint option for coupe would cost \$500

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