

The Year Was 1997...

- Hong Kong returned to Chinese rule
- Khmer Rouge holds trial of Pol Pot
- OJ Simpson found liable in civil suit
- Heaven's Gate cult members commit mass suicide
- Tim McVeigh sentenced to death for Federal bombing in Oklahoma City
- Comet Hale-Bopp passes only to return again in 4397
- Titanic debuts as the most expensive movie of all time \$250-300 Million
- Movies: As Good As it Gets, The Full Monty and Good Will Hunting
- Deaths: Jacques Cousteau, John Denver, Princess Diana, Mother Theresa and James Stewart

In 1997...

- The Corvette Coupe cost \$37,495 and 9,092 were produced
- The "fifth-generation" Corvette was offered only as a coupe in its debut year.
- Among the equipment featured for the C5 was a new, more compact 5.7-liter LS1 V-8 that produced 350 hp and 345 lbs.-ft. of torque.
- A rear-mounted transaxle opened up more interior space and helped maintain a near 50/50 front-to-rear weight distribution.
- An Electronic Throttle Control system allowed engineers a limitless range of throttle progression.
- The rails consisted of a single piece of tubular steel, replacing the 14 parts used previously.
- The cockpit of the all-new Corvette featured a twin-pod design reminiscent of the original 1953 Corvette.
- The instrument panel contained traditional backlit analog gauges and a digital Driver Information Center that comprised a display of 12 individual readouts in four languages.
- The C5 Corvette could do five second 0-to-60-mph runs and cover the quarter mile in 13.28 seconds at 107.6 mph according to *Vette* magazine

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