

The Year Was 2001...

- World Trade Center destroyed by terrorists on Sept 11
- US and British Forces launch bombing campaign on Taliban and AlQueda
- Anthrax scare sweeps the nation – all powdery substances are suspect
- George W. Bush is sworn in as President
- Dale Earnhardt is killed at the end of the Daytona 500
- FBI agent Robert Hanssen charged with spying for Russia
- Artificial heart inserted in a man in Louisville, Kentucky
- Stem cell research causes major conflict
- Song: Riding with Private Malone by David Ball is a hit
- Movies: Harry Potter #1, Pearl Harbor, Ali, A Beautiful Mind, Shrek and Oceans Eleven
- Deaths: Chet Atkins, George Harrison, Jack Lemon, Carroll O'Connor & Anthony Quinn

In 2001...

- The Z0-6 cost \$47,855, the Convertible cost \$46,605 and the Coupe cost \$40,080
- The Corvette Z06 included a 350-cid 385-hp Chevrolet LS6 V-8 and a unique six-speed manual transmission with overdrive.
- This transmission featured more aggressive gearing for quicker acceleration and more usable torque at various speeds.
- A built-in temperature-sensing unit was designed to alert the driver when transmission oil temperature got too high.
- The Goodyear tires on the Z06 were made especially for it and were an inch wider than standard tires front and rear, but 23 pounds lighter.
- The Z06 also featured a windshield and backlight made of thinner glass (because it did not feature the heavier glass used in the HUD system) and a titanium exhaust system to reduce its weight by nearly 40 pounds.
- *Motor Trend* test driver tested a Z06 and reported, "I did things in the Corvette I wouldn't consider in the Cobra R, things that would result in an off-track excursion and maybe a big crash in the Dodge RT/10:"

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