

The Year Was 2005...

- Pope John Paul II dies and Benedict XVI becomes next Pope
- London hit by Islamic terrorist bombs
- Saddam Hussein on trial for killing Iraqis
- Terry Shiavo "right to die" case is focus of battle in Congress
- Hurricane Katrina New Orleans and the Gulf Coast
- Chief Justice William Rehnquist dies and John Roberts becomes Chief Justice
- 300th million song is purchased on iTunes
- Debt on intelligent design vs evolution occurs across the US
- Peter Jennings of ABC World News Tonight dies
- Movies: Brokeback Mountain, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Harry Potter #3, Walk the Line and Star Wars – Revenge of the Sith
- Deaths: Ann Bancroft, Jonny Carson, Arthur Miller, Rosa Parks, Richard Pryor and William Westmoreland

In 2005...

- 10,677 Corvette Convertibles were built and 26,728 Coups were built
- A major styling change for the C6 Corvette is non-pop up headlights... not seen on a Corvette since 1962.
- The base engine for the 2005 Corvette was the 400 HP LS2, only 5 HP less than the LS6 engine of the previous year's high performance Z06 model.
- 2005 was the first year for keyless access and start.
- One objection to the C5 was that it was too large, so the C6 measured 5.1 inches shorter although the wheelbase was 1.2 inches longer. The C6 was also narrower by an inch. Weight was virtually the same for both cars at 3,246 lbs for the C5 and 3,245 for the C6. Build quality, which along with fit and finish had been improving as the Corvette matured, took a giant leap forward with the C6

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