



## **1957 Corvette Original Facts**

**There were 6,339 Corvettes made in 1957. All were Convertibles.**

### **Serial Numbers**

**E57S1001001 through E57S106339**

The E is the Chevrolet indicator for Corvette. The 57 is the year. The S is the Assembly Plant Code for St. Louis. And the last 7 digits is the sequence manufacture number. There is no clear link to engine numbers and the serial numbers for 1956. Engine numbers were followed by the Plant identifier and the engine suffix code. The code can be found on a pad just in front of the cylinder head on the right front top of the engine. The VIN Plate is attached to the door hinge pillar just below the upper hinge.

The final serial number of the month is used to determine the month of production. \* Figures from service bulletin information.

October 1956	100580
November 1956	101070
December 1956	Unknown
January 1957	Unknown
February 1957	Unknown
March 29th, 1957*	103098
April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 1957*	103268
May 1957	104331
June 1957	104924
July 1957	105584
August 1957	106229
September 1957	106339

## Block Numbers

Block casting numbers are located on the top left surface of the flange formed at the rear of the block for the flywheel attachment. The V-8 casting numbers are located on the right side of the block opposite the casting number. The block also has a letter that indicates the month of casting (A-L for January to December) All blocks of this year have the same number 3731548 it is located as above. All engines are V-8 and are 283 cubic inches.

## Engine Identification

Beginning with this year continuous numbering of the engines was discontinued. A prefix system was established. F is the prefix used to designate the Flint manufacturing plant. This was followed by 3 or 4 numbers for the date of manufacture (1-12 for the month and then the day 1-31). Ending with the suffix code

Engine Code	Cubic Inches	Horse Power	Equipment
EF	283	220HP	1X4BC, Manual Transmission
FH	283	220HP	1X4BC, Powerglide Transmission
EH	283	245	2X4BC, Manual Transmission
FG	283	245	2X4BC, Powerglide Transmission
EM	283	250	Fuel Injection, Manual Transmission
FK	283	250	Fuel Injection, Powerglide Transmission
EG	283	270	2X4BC, Hi-Lift Cam, Manual Transmission
EL	283	283	Fuel Injection, Hi-Lift Cam, Manual Transmission
EN	283	283	Fuel Injection with Air Box, Hi-Lift Cam, & Manual Transmission

## Rear Axle Codes

Rear axle codes are located by the use of a stamp on the front right side of the differential carrier housing. The code will be followed by the month of manufacture, (1-12 or 01-12) and then the day of manufacture, (01-31). There may also be a HT stamped, along with the gear ratio, which would stand for Hi-Tork used for Positraction Rear axles. These were rare and were only used on the 3.70:1 and 4.11:1 rear ends.

Code	Ratio	Type	Application
AE	3.36:1	Standard	Powerglide
AH	3.70:1	Standard	Manual Transmission
AN	3.70:1	Positraction	Manual Transmission
AP	4.11:1	Positraction	Manual Transmission
AQ	4.56:1	Positraction	Manual Transmission
AS	3.70:1	Positraction	Manual Transmission with Hydraulic Brakes and Suspension
AT	4.11:1	Positraction	Manual Transmission with Hydraulic Brakes and Suspension
AU	4.56"1	Positraction	Manual Transmission with Hydraulic Brakes and Suspension

## Carbureted Intake Manifold Numbers

3731398 Cast Iron 220 Horsepower  
3739653 Aluminum 245 and 270 Horsepower

## Exhaust Manifold Numbers

All engines 3733975 Left side and 3733976 Right side

## Head numbers

Casting numbers are located in the valve rocker are only visible with the valve cover removed. See the Specific Information and Notes page.

Casting Numbers	Application
3740997	220, 245, 250, and 270 Horsepower
3731539	283 Horsepower, Fuel Injection

## Carburetors

The identification number will be found on a triangular metal tag attached to the air horn. There will also be a manufacture date code. It will appear with a letter, A-M, (I was not used), signifying the month followed by the last digit of the year of manufacture. This was followed by the number of the assembly line.

Horsepower	Application	Model Number	Chevrolet
220	All	1st design Carter WCFB 2366SA	3733246
220	All	2nd design Carter WCFB 2655S	3744925
245	Front	1st design Carter WCFB 2419S	3730599
	Rear	1st design Carter WCFB 2362S	3720953
	Front	2nd design Carter WCFB 2626S	3744002
	Rear	2nd design Carter WCFB 2627S	3744004
270	Front	Carter WCFB 2613S	3741089
	Rear	Carter WCFB 2613S	3741090

## Fuel Injection

Unit Model	Air Meter	Fuel Meter	Model/Application
7014600	7014361	7014362	Early 250 and 283 Horsepower
7014520	7014521	7014522	Mid 250 and 283 Horsepower
7014800	(7014)801	(7014)802	Late 250 and 283 Horsepower
7014960	(7014)801	(7014)802	Late 283 Horsepower

## Transmissions

Located by a stamp located on the rear face of the case in the lower right corner. The C is for the Cleveland Plant. The Warner 4-Speed number is located on the left side of the case, in the upper rear corner, just behind the cover.

There would be 1 or 2 digits for the month of production, (January through December). There may be a suffix of D or N (for day or night shift). Note: for six-cylinder Powerglide Transmissions, there may be a VC as a prefix for a Powerglide instead of the C. (The VC is the Chevrolet code for Corvette Cleveland Transmission.) For the Warner 4-Speed the shift code would be a 1, 2, or 3.

Code	Type	Plant Built At
C	Cast Iron Powerglide	Cleveland
S	3-Speed	Saginaw
W	4-Speed	Warner Gear Division

## Ignition Distributors

Model Number	Application
1110891	220, 245, and 270 Horsepower Engines
1110889	Early 250 and 283 Horsepower Engines with Fuel Injection unit 4360
1109050	Mid to Late 250 and 283 Horsepower with Manual Transmission with Fuel Injection units 4360, 4520, 4800, and 4960
1109050	Mid to Late 250 Horsepower with Powerglide
1110906	Late 250 Horsepower with Powerglide with Fuel Injection units 4520 and 4800
1110908*	Mid to Late RPO 579E and some Late 283 Horsepower with Fuel Injection unit 4960
1110908*	Some Late 283 Horsepower with Fuel Injection unit 4960

\*Late 283 Horsepower Fuel Injection (not RPO 579E models that might use this distributor have a closed end threaded fitting covering the Tach-drive shaft.

## Ignition Coils

1115091 All Carbureted Engines

1115107 All Fuel Injected Engines

## Starter Motors

The identification number is stamped on to a Delco-Remy tag. The tag is riveted to the starter motor housing.

1107664 all engines.

## Generators and Alternators

A red tag that has been riveted to the housing will have the serial number, which is a date code. Date coding for this year is 6 followed by the month code (A-M, no I was used) and the day 1-31.

1102043 30 Amps - All engines except RPO 579E

1102059 30 Amps RPO 579E

## Radiators

The Harrison Division of GM in Lockport, New York manufactured corvette radiators. This radiator has a Harrison Division identification tag soldered to the center, inlet side, of the upper core tank. The tag has the part number and a date code of the year and a letter A-L.

3133689 Copper - All Engines

## Colors

Exterior	Cove	Quantity	Soft Top	Wheels	Interior Trim	Upper Instrument Panel	Steering Wheel
Onyx Black	Silver	2189	White/Black/Beige	Black	Beige/Red	Black	Red/Beige
Aztec Copper	Beige	452	Beige/White	Copper	Beige	Copper	Beige
Cascade Green	Beige	550	Beige/Black/White	Green	Beige	Green	Beige
Arctic Blue	Silver	487	Beige/Black/White	Blue	Beige/Red	Blue	Beige
Venetian Red	Beige	1320	Beige/Black/White	Red	Beige/Red	Red	Beige
Polo White	Silver	1273	Beige/Black/White	Red/Silver	Beige/Red	Red/White	White/Beige
Inca Silver	Imperial Ivory	65	Black White	Silver	Beige/Red	Silver	Beige

Lower Instrument Panel, Steering Column, Directional Signal Housing, Steering Wheel Hub, and Plastic Sidewall Panel were all Beige with the exception of the 1st design of the Polo White that had White for the above and the Onyx Black that had Red for the above. The seat cushions and backrest and the Cowl side Kick Panels had a waffle Vinyl pattern in Red or Beige. The Backrest bolster, Sidewall Top Roll, Upper Panel, Lower Panel, Armrest and Windlace had Leather Grain Vinyl in Red or Beige. The Floor Covering is Carpet in either Red or Copper. The Top Storage well was paint in either Red or Beige. The Rear compartment has a Black or Red Rubber Mat and the Trim Board is Red or Beige

## Price and Production

Code	Description	Quantity	Price
2934	Base Corvette Convertible	6,339	\$3,176.32
Base	220 Horsepower Engine with 1X4BC	1,633	
	With Manuel Transmission	1,023	
	With Powerglide	610	
Base	Close Ratio 3 Speed	4,282	
Base	Black Soft Top	1,180	
FAO101	Heater	5,373	\$118.40
FAO102	Wonderbar Radio	3,635	\$199.10
	With Carbureted engines	3,052	
	With Fuel Injection	583	
FAO107	Parking Brake Alarm	1,873	\$5.40
FAO108	Courtesy Lights	2,489	\$8.65
FAO109	Windshield Washer	2,555	\$11.85
RPO276	15X5-1/2K Wide Wheels	51	\$15.10
RPO290	6.70-15" White Wall Tires	5,019	\$31.60
RPO313	Powerglide	1,393	\$188.30
RPO419	Auxiliary Hard Top	4,055	
	In Place of Soft Top	931	
	In Addition to Soft top	3,124	\$215.20
RPO426	Power Windows	379	\$59.20
RPO440	Two-Tone Exterior Paint	3,026	\$19.40
RPO469A	245 Horsepower Engine with 2X4BC	2,045	\$150.65
	With Manual transmission	1,262	
	With Powerglide	783	
RPO469C	270 Horsepower with 2X4BC Hi-Lift Cam	1,621	\$182.95
RPO470	White or Beige Top	3,588	
	White Top	2,461	
	Beige Top	1,127	
RPO473	Hydraulic Top	1,336	\$139.90
	With Hard Top	1,178	
	With Soft Top Only	158	
RPO579A	250 Horsepower with Fuel Injection and Manual Transmission	182	\$484.20
RPO579B	283 Horsepower with Fuel Injection and Hi-Lift only available with 3-Speed or Optional 4-Speed Transmissions	713	\$484.20
RPO579C	250 Horsepower with Fuel Injection and Powerglide	102	\$484.20
	283 Horsepower with Fuel Injection and Outside Air Intake and		\$726.30
RPO579E	Mechanically Driven Tachometer Mounted on Steering Column	43	
RPO677	3.70:1 Positraction only available with 3-Speed or Optional 4-Speed Transmissions	327	\$48.45
RPO678	4.11:1 Positraction only available with 3-Speed or Optional 4-Speed Transmissions	1,772	\$48.45
RPO679	4.56:1 Positraction only available with 3-Speed or Optional 4-Speed Transmissions		\$48.45
RPO684	Hydraulic Brakes and Suspension	51	\$780.10
RPO685	Close Ratio 4-Speed not available until about May 1, 1957	664	\$188.30

## Glass

Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Date Codes V is the code for 1956 and would be the 2nd letter in the code. The month code is below. As an example, if the code on the glass was JV the glass was manufactured in May 1956. It is possible that GM used glass from other manufacturers, however, it would not be likely, (according to the NCRS Pocket Spec Guide). Safety Plate glass was used for all of the windows. There will also be the American Standard specification code AS1 for windshields and the code AS2 for the rest of the glass.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Code</b>
January	1953 to 1956	L
January	1957 to 1972	N
February	1953 to 1957	M
February	1958 to 1972	X
March	1953 to 1956	N
March	1957 to 1972	L
April	1953 to 1956	K
April	1958 to 1972	G
May	1953 to 1972	J
June	1953 to 1972	I
July	1953 to 1957	H
July	1958 to 1972	U
August	1953 to 1972	T
September	1953 to 1957	E
September	1958 to 1972	A
October	1953 to 1957	F
October	1958 to 1972	Y
November	1953 to 1972	C
December	1953 to 1972	V