



1955 Corvette Original Facts

There were 700 Corvettes made in 1955. All were Convertibles.

Serial Numbers

VE55S001001 through VE55S001700

The V stood for V8. The E is the Chevrolet indicator for Corvette. The 55 is the year. The S is the Assembly Plant Code for St. Louis. And the last 6 digits is the sequence manufacture number. There is no clear link to engine numbers and the serial numbers for 1955. 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.

Block Numbers

3835911 L6 235 cubic inches

3703524 V-8 265 cubic inches

Engine Suffix Identification

Code	Size	Horsepower and Equipment
YG	235	6 cylinder 155 HP with 3X1BC and Powerglide Transmission
FG	265	8 cylinder 195 HP with 1X4BC and Powerglide Transmission
GR	265	8 cylinder 195 HP with 1X4BC and 3 Speed 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).

AE 3.55:1, Powerglide

AH 3.70:1, 3-Speed

AD 3.27:1, 3-Speed and may not have been used in 1955

Carbureted Intake Manifold Numbers

3707064 Aluminum 6 Cylinder - see general notes about manufacture of this manifold

3711348 Cast Iron 8 Cylinder

Exhaust Manifold Numbers

L-6 engine 3836108

1st design - V8 engine - left side 3704791, right side 3704792

2nd design - V8 engine - left side 3837069, right side 3836968

Head numbers

For the L-6 engine - 3836241

For the V-8 engine - 3703523

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 a number of the assembly line.

155 hp, All - Carter YH 2066SA - 3706989

195 hp - 1st design Carter WCFB 2418S - 3717687

195 hp - 2nd design Carter WCFB 2351S - 3724158

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. 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.)

Engine	Horse Power	Torque	Equipment	C. R.	Transmission	Axle
235 L-6	155@4200	225@2800	3X1 bbl	8.0:1	Powerglide	3.55:1
265 V-8	195@5000	260@3000	1X4 bbl	8.0:1	Powerglide and 3 Speed	3.55:1

Starter Motors

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

1108035 4 coil design entered production in February 1954

1107627 1st design V8

1107645 2nd design V8 entered use between VIN 509 and 570

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.

1102793 40 Amps L6

1102025 30 Amps - V8

Ignition Distributors

1112314 L6 engine

1110855 V8 with vacuum advance

1110847 V8 without vacuum advance in some later models

Ignition Coils

1115394 L6 Engine

1115086 V8 Engine

Radiators

Corvette radiators were manufactured by the Harrison Division of GM in Lockport, New York. 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.

3130953 Copper - L6 engine

3133689 Copper - V8 engine

Colors

Exterior	Special Note	Soft Top	Wheels	Interior
Polo White		Beige Canvas until 4/1/55 White Vinyl after 4/1/55	Sportsman Red	Red
Pennant Blue	Discontinued use April 1,1955	Beige Canvas	Sportsman Red	Dark Beige
Harvest Gold	Use began April 1995	Green Canvas until 4/1/55 Green Vinyl after 4/1/55	Harvest Gold	Yellow
Gypsy Red	Use began April 1995	Beige Canvas until 4/1/55 Beige/White Vinyl after 4/1/55	Gypsy Red	Light Beige
Corvette Copper	Use began April 1995	White Vinyl	Corvette Copper	Dark Beige

Colors for the Trim

	Red Trim	Yellow Trim	Light Beige Trim	Dark Beige Trim
Upper Dash	Sportsman Red	Woodland Green	Gypsy Red	Gypsy Red
Lower Dash and Door Pulls	Polo White	Harvest Gold	Shoreline Beige	Shoreline Beige
Steering Wheel Hub, Spokes and Mast	Sportsman Red	Woodland Green	Shoreline Beige	Shoreline Beige
Steering Wheel Rim	Polo White	Harvest Gold	Gypsy Red	Corvette Copper
Seats, Door and Kick Panel	Red Vinyl	Yellow Vinyl	Beige Vinyl	Beige Vinyl
Dash Crown and Door Extensions	Red Vinyl	Green Vinyl	Beige Vinyl	Beige Vinyl
Carpets	Red	Green	Beige	Beige
Top Storage Compartment	Sportsman Red	Woodland Green	Gypsy Red	Corvette Copper
Trunk Compartment	Sportsman Red	Harvest Gold	Gypsy Red	Corvette Copper
Trunk Panel and Mat	Red	Black	Black	Beige
Window Storage Bag	Red Vinyl	Yellow Vinyl	Beige	Beige

Price and Production

Code	Description	Quantity	Price
2934-6	Base Convertible 6 cylinder	Unknown	\$2,774.00
2934-8	Base Convertible 8 cylinder	Unknown	\$2,909.00
FOA 100	Directional Signal	700	16.75
FOA 101	Heater	700	91.40
FOA 102	Signal Seeking Radio	700	145.15
RPO 290B	6.70 X 15" Whitewall Tires	Unknown	26.90
RPO 313	Powerglide Transmission	Unknown	178.35
RPO 420A	Parking Brake Alarm	700	5.65
RPO 421A	Courtesy Lamps	700	4.05
RPO 422A	Windshield Washer	700	11.85

Note: The heater, radio and tires were the only items that were not Must Order items.

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.

Month	Year	Code
January	1953 to 1956	L
February	1953 to 1957	M
March	1953 to 1956	N
April	1953 to 1956	K
May	1953 to 1972	J
June	1953 to 1972	I
July	1953 to 1957	H
August	1953 to 1972	T
September	1953 to 1957	E
October	1953 to 1957	F
November	1953 to 1972	C
December	1953 to 1972	V