



1953 Production Statistics

1953 was the first year the Corvette was produced, it is the original "Classic Corvette". It debuted at the 1953 GM Motorama at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. It was outfitted with a 6 cylinder "Blue-Flame" engine that produced 150 hp mated to a two-speed Powerglide automatic transmission. All 300 Corvettes that were produced in 1953 came with the same options and they were all painted "Polo White" with a red interior. Also included on all 1953's were whitewall tires and two-spinner hub caps. They also did not have outside door handles. To get in the car you must reach inside to open the door. 301 1953 Corvettes were built in Flint, Michigan at a temporary facility in the rear of Chevrolet's customer delivery garage on Van Slyke Ave. The first production 1953 Corvette was built on June 30, 1953. Because of the short production run the 1953 model it is the rarest of all Corvettes. After the first 301 were assembled, production moved to the new St. Louis factory. Zora Arus-Duntov joined Chevrolet this year, he would eventually become the Chief Engineer for Corvette.



Production Options and Build Statistics

Total 1953 Corvettes Built - 315

Engine Specifications

Feature	Standard Engine
Bore	3 9/16 in
Stroke	3 15/16 in
Displacement	235.5 ci
Compression Ratio	8.0:1
Cylinders	6 (inline)
Block	Cast Iron
Horsepower	150 bhp @ 4200 rpm
Torque	223 lb-ft @ 2400 rpm
Redline	N/A
Carburetion	3x1 bbl
Oil Capacity	N/A
Valvetrain	N/A

Serial Numbers

Convertible	E53001001 - E53F001300
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Production Options

RPO	Description	Cost	Total	
			Prod.	%
2934	Base Corvette Convertible	\$3,498.00	300	95.2%
101A	Heater	\$91.40	300	95.2%
101B	AM Radio	\$145.15	300	95.2%

Color Options for 1953

RPO	Color	Cost	Soft Top Color	Interior Color	Wheel Color	Total	
						Prod.	%
N/A	Polo White	\$0.00	Black	Red	Red	300	95.2%

1953 Corvette Specifications

Mechanical Dimensions

Feature	Dimensions
Wheelbase	102.0 in
Track Frt/Rear (in)	57.0/59.0
Length	167.0 in
Width	72.2 in
Height	52.1 in
Frontal Area	N/A
Ground Clearance	N/A
Curb Weight	2850 lbs
Weight Dist. F/R (Engine)	53/47
Fuel Capacity	N/A
Coolant Capacity	N/A