

1970 Chevrolet Corvette

2dr Coupe . 8-cyl. 454cid/390hp 4bbl LS5

#1 Concours condition

\$84,700

↗ +9.1%

#2 Excellent condition

\$61,700

↗ +9.2%

#3 Good condition

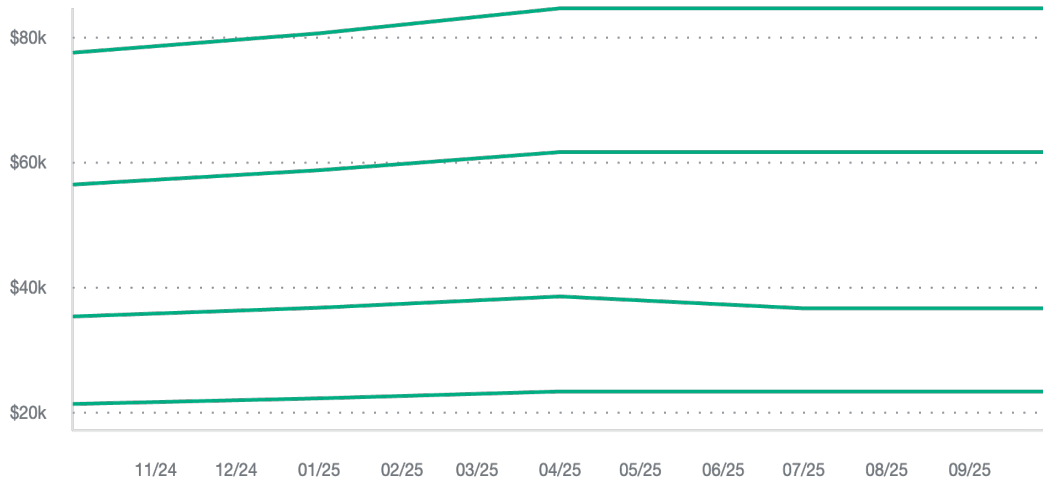
\$36,700*

↗ +3.7%

#4 Fair condition

\$23,400

↗ +9.3%



NOTE: The chart displays price changes for the last year.

Value adjustments

+5%
for close ratio 4-spd.

+\$2,000
for a/c.

-10%
for auto trans.

Model description

Chevrolet Corvette sales dropped for 1970, down more than 50 percent from 1969 when the run was extended. Sales were 17,316 compared to 38,762 the year before. Of these, 10,668 were coupes and 6,648 were convertibles. The most significant change was the introduction of the 454 cid big-block Chevy V-8, up from the previous 427 version.

There were originally two big-block versions planned: the 370 bhp LS5 and a ground-pounding 460 bhp LS7. Only the LS5 made it to production, but Sports Car Graphic editor Paul Van Valkenburgh did get to test the LS7 – driving it 2,500 miles from Riverside Raceway in California to Detroit. The LS7 had solid lifters, a hot cam and Holley double-pumper carburetor. He found it lived up to its advance publicity with a quarter miles in 13.8 seconds at 108 mph.

As for production '70 Corvettes, the base engine remained the 300 bhp 350 cubic-inch small-block, and the convertible cost \$4,849, the coupe \$5,192. A 350 bhp upgrade was available for \$158, but the LT1 package for an extra \$447.60 added all the LS7 tweaks to a small-block package. Corvette LT1 buyers got 11:1 compression, solid lifters, hot cam, and Holley carburetor. The result brought power up to 370 bhp. A ZR1 package combined the LT1 engine with the M22 close-ratio 4-speed, aluminum radiator, transistor ignition and heavy duty suspension. Creature comforts like air conditioning, power steering, stereo and power windows were not available for the ZR1 Corvette.

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Vehicle's condition classification

#1. Concours

#1 vehicles are the best in the world. Imagine the best vehicle, in the right colors, driving onto the lawn at the finest concours. Perfectly clean, the vehicle has been groomed down to the tire treads. Painted and chromed surfaces are mirror-like. Dust and dirt are banned, and materials used are correct and superbly fitted.

#3. Good

#3 vehicles drive and run well but are not used for daily transportation. The casual passerby will not find any visual flaws, but these vehicles might have some incorrect parts. #3 vehicles could possess some, but not all, of the issues of a #4 vehicle, but they will be balanced by other factors such as fresh paint or a new, correct interior.

#2. Excellent

#2 vehicles could win a local or regional show. They might even be former #1 vehicles that have been driven or have aged. Seasoned observers will have to look closely for flaws but will be able to find some. The paint, chrome, glass and finishes will all appear as excellent. The vehicle drives as a new vehicle of its era would.

#4. Fair

#4 vehicles are daily drivers, with flaws visible to the naked eye. The chrome might have pitting, the windshield might be chipped and perhaps the body has a minor dent. Imperfect paintwork, split seams or a cracked dash might be present. No major parts are missing, but there might be non-stock additions. A #4 vehicle can also be a deteriorated restoration.