

# 1966 Corvette

Production: 9,958 coupe, 17,762 convertible, 27,720 total.

## 1966 Numbers

Vehicle: 194376S100001 through 194376S127720

• For convertibles, fourth digit is a 6.

**Suffix:** HD: 327ci, 350hp, mt, ar    IK: 427ci, 425hp, mt  
 HE: 327ci, 300hp, mt    IL: 427ci, 390hp, mt  
 HH: 327ci, 300hp, mt, ar    IM: 427ci, 390hp, mt, ar  
 HO: 327ci, 300hp, at    IP: 427ci, 425hp, mt  
 HP: 327ci, 350hp, mt, ps, ac    IQ: 427ci, 390hp, at  
 HR: 327ci, 300hp, at, ar    IR: 427ci, 390hp, at, ar  
 HT: 327ci, 350hp, mt    KH: 327ci, 350hp, mt, ar, ac, ps

**Block:** 3858174: 327ci    3892657: 327ci, lp (uu)  
 3869942: 427ci    3855961: 427ci, ep (uu)

**Head:** 3782461: 327ci, 300hp, 350hp    3873858: 427ci, 425hp  
 3872702: 427ci, 390hp

**Carburetor:** Holley R3247A #3886101: 427ci, 425hp  
 Holley R3367A #3884505: 327ci, 300hp, 350hp  
 Holley R3370A #3882835: 427ci, 390hp  
 Holley R3605A #3890499: 327ci, 300hp, 350hp, ar  
 Holley R3606A #3892341: 427ci, 390hp, ar

**Distributor:** 1111093: 427ci, 425hp, ig    1111153: 327ci, 300hp  
 1111141: 427ci, 390hp    1111156: 327ci, 350hp  
 1111142: 427ci, 390hp, ig    1111157: 327ci, 350hp, ig

**Alternator:** 1100693: 327ci, 427ci    1100696: 327ci, 427ci, ig  
 1100694: 327ci, 427ci, ac    1100750: 327ci, 427ci, ac, ig, uu

**Ending Vehicle:** Sep 65: 102031    Jan 66: 112587    May 66: 123016  
 Oct 65: 104384    Feb 66: 115283    Jun 66: 125469  
 Nov 65: 107186    Mar 66: 118091    Jul 66: 127720  
 Dec 65: 109892    Apr 66: 120664

**Abbreviations:** ac=air conditioning, ar=air injection reactor, at=automatic transmission, ci=cubic inch, ep=early production, hp=horsepower, ig=transistor ignition, lp=late production, mt=manual transmission, ps=power steering, uu=uncertain usage.

## 1966 Facts

- The 1966 Corvette's styling was similar to the previous model, but there were subtle differences, including the addition of the Corvette script (elongated vertical style) to the hood, and a plated, square-mesh, cast grill. Also, roof vents which had been both functional and non-functional in previous mid-year Corvette coupes, were deleted completely.
- Seats were similar to 1965, except 1966 seats had additional pleats in the upper and lower sections for better weight distribution at the seams.
- The knock-off wheel option continued in 1966, but with a dull-finish center cone instead of bright. The area between the fins was painted dark grey.
- The 427 cubic-inch engines were introduced in the 1966 model. Corvettes with these engines received the special bubble hoods first seen on 1965's with 396ci engines. The 1966 high performance, solid-lifter 427 was initially listed and labeled at 450hp but, for uncertain reasons, the rating was reduced to 425hp shortly after introduction. Similarly, the 390hp engine was initially rated at 400hp. These were administrative decisions not related to any changes in the engines.
- Backup lights became standard equipment in the 1966 model. They were incorporated into the existing rear inboard taillight housings.
- The fiberboard headliners of coupes and convertible hardtops (except early) were replaced with vinyl-covered foam. Interior door pulls were bright metal. Headrests were optional for the first time.
- Holley carburetors, used with some engine applications previously, were standard with all 1966 engines.
- Exhaust bezels were plated castings, not stainless as earlier mid years.

## 1966 Options

RPO #	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RETAILS
19437	Base Corvette Sport Coupe	9,958	\$4,295.00
19467	Base Corvette Convertible	17,762	4,084.00
—	Genuine Leather Seats	2,002	79.00
A01	Soft Ray Tinted Glass, all windows	11,859	15.80
A02	Soft Ray Tinted Glass, windshield	9,270	10.55
A31	Power Windows	4,562	57.95
A82	Headrests	1,033	42.15
A85	Shoulder Belts	37	26.35
C07	Auxiliary Hardtop (for convertible)	8,463	231.75
C48	Heater and Defroster Deletion (credit)	54	-97.85
C60	Air Conditioning	3,520	412.90
F41	Special Front and Rear Suspension	2,705	36.90
G81	Positraction Rear Axle, all ratios	24,056	42.15
J50	Power Brakes	5,464	42.15
J56	Special Heavy Duty Brakes	382	342.30
K19	Air Injection Reactor	2,380	44.75
K66	Transistor Ignition System	7,146	73.75
L36	427ci, 390hp Engine	5,116	181.20
L72	427ci, 425hp Engine	5,258	312.85
L79	327ci, 350hp Engine	7,591	105.35
M20	4-Speed Manual Transmission	10,837	184.35
M21	4-Speed Man Trans, close ratio	13,903	184.35
M22	4-Speed Man Trans, close ratio, heavy duty	15	237.00
M35	Powerglide Automatic Transmission	2,401	194.85
N03	36 Gallon Fuel Tank (for coupe)	66	198.05
N11	Off Road Exhaust System	2,795	36.90
N14	Side Mount Exhaust System	3,617	131.65
N32	Teakwood Steering Wheel	3,941	47.40
N36	Telescopic Steering Column	3,670	42.15
N40	Power Steering	5,611	94.80
P48	Cast Aluminum Knock-Off Wheels (5)	1,194	316.00
P92	Whitewall Tires, 7.75x15, (rayon cord)	17,969	31.30
T01	Goldwall Tires, 7.75x15 (nylon cord)	5,557	46.55
U69	AM-FM Radio	26,363	199.10
V74	Traffic Hazard Lamp Switch	5,764	11.60

- A 327ci, 300hp engine, 3-speed manual transmission, vinyl interior trim, and soft top (convertible) were included in the base price.
- The 8,463 C07 quantity included 1,303 in place of soft tops (no cost).
- The 3,520 C60 quantity was split 2,138 coupe, 1,382 convertible.
- The 24,056 G81 quantity included 2,385 3.08:1 ratio, 8,538 3.36:1 ratio, 3,119 3.55:1 ratio, 6,612 3.70:1 ratio, 3,310 4.11:1 ratio, and 91 4.56:1 ratio.
- The 2,401 M35 quantity was split 2,381 with 300hp, 20 with 390hp.
- RPO K66 (Transistor Ignition) was required purchase with L72, optional with L79 and L36.
- RPO K19 emission device was not limited to California use.

## 1966 Colors

CODE	EXTERIOR	QTY	SOFT TOP	WHEELS	INTERIORS
900	Tuxedo Black	1,190	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk-R-Bb-WB-S-Si-G-B
972	Ermine White	2,120	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk-R-Bb-WB-S-Si-G-B
974	Rally Red	3,366	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk-R
976	Nassau Blue	6,100	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk-Bb-WB-B
978	Laguna Blue	2,054	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk-Bb-B
980	Trophy Blue	1,463	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk-Bb-B
982	Mosport Green	2,311	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk-G
984	Sunfire Yellow	2,339	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk
986	Silver Pearl	2,967	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk-Si
988	Milano Maroon	3,799	Bk-W-Bg	Black	Bk-S

- Suggested interiors shown. Other combinations were possible.
  - In 1966, 11 Corvettes were painted non-standard colors, or primer.
  - Soft top colors were 7,259 black, 8,789 white, 411 beige.
- Interior Codes:** Std=Bk/V, 402=Bk/L, 407=R/V, 408=R/L, 414=Bb/V, 415=Bb/L, 418=B/V, 419=B/L, 420=S/V, 421=S/L, 426=Si/V, 427=Si/L, 430=G/V, 450=W+B/V.

**Abbreviations:** B=Blue, Bb=Bright Blue, Bg=Beige, Bk=Black, G=Green, L=Leather, R=Red, S=Saddle, Si=Silver, V=Vinyl, W=White, WB=White+Blue.