

1959 Chevrolet Corvette

2dr Convertible · 8-cyl. 283cid/290hp FI

#1 Concours condition

\$207,000

↗ +3.5%

#2 Excellent condition

\$136,000

↘ -1.4%

#3 Good condition

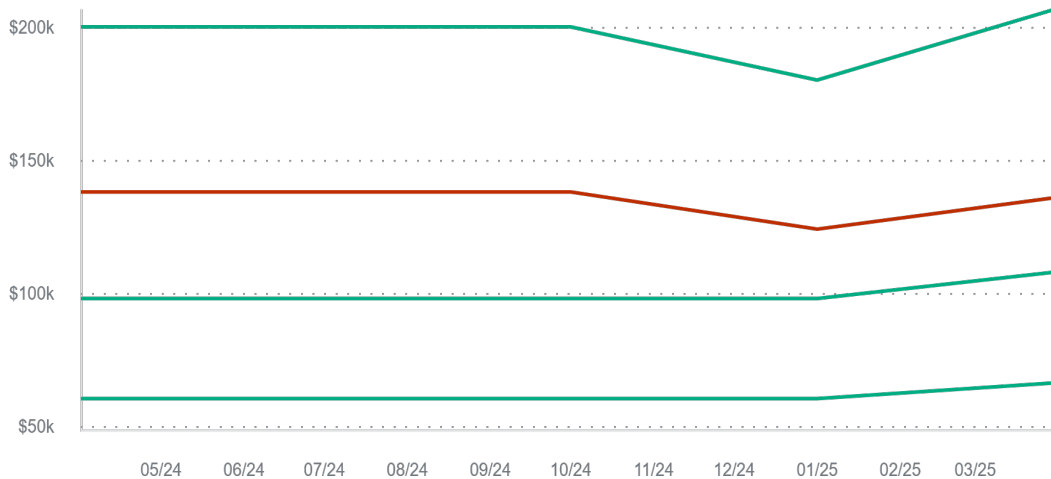
\$108,000*

↗ +10.3%

#4 Fair condition

\$66,300

↗ +10%



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

Value adjustments

+10% for 4-spd.	+25% for HD brakes and suspension.	+\$1,000 for Wonderbar.	+\$450 for pwr wndws.	+\$2,750 for pwr top.
+\$3,500 for hardtop.	-10% for auto trans.			

Model description

The 1959 Chevrolet Corvette has very few visual changes to differentiate it from the 1958 versions. In 1959, the chrome strips along the trunk of the '58 model were ditched for a cleaner look, but it retained the chrome strips that run back from the headlights. Another visual change was on the hood. Gone was the closed louver "washboard hood" of the '58 Corvette. Instead, the surface of the hood was flat.

This was the first year that an all-black interior was offered. These are easy to cover up blemishes, but can get quite hot in the sun. Other interior colors included blue, red, and turquoise. The instrument panel became more concave, which reduced glare from the sun, and a storage bin was added to the passenger side of the cabin.

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Engine choices were carried over from 1958 unchanged, and all were varying versions of the 283 cid Chevy small-block V-8. Output ranged from the base 230 hp version up to the fuel-injected 290 hp offering. Transmission options were a 2-speed automatic, 3-speed manual, and 4-speed manual. Those who opted for the 4-speed manual found that it now came with a T-style shifter with a reverse lockout function. 1959 also saw the addition of trailing rods to the rear suspension, resulting in a softer ride and sharper handling.

General Motors sold 9,670 Corvettes for the 1959 model year. Three particularly special 1959 Corvettes were the Scaglietti-bodied versions. Three were made in collaboration Gary Laughlin, Jim Hall and Carroll Shelby. This was Shelby's first attempt at blending American power with European styling.

Body styles

2dr Convertible

Engine types

8-cyl. 283cid/230hp 4bbl 8-cyl. 283cid/245hp 2x4bbl 8-cyl. 283cid/250hp FI 8-cyl. 283cid/270hp 2x4bbl
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1953-1962 Chevrolet Corvette stats

Highest sale	Lowest sale	Most recent sale	Sales
\$7,705,000	\$1	\$34,912	5756

Equipment

Standard Equipment

3-Speed Manual Transmission
 Bucket Seats
 Seat Belts
 Tachometer

Optional Equipment

AM
 Heater
 Heavy Duty Brakes and Suspension
 Power Windows
 White Sidewall Tires

Additional Info

Shipping Weight: 3033 lbs
 Vehicle Length: 177.2 in
 Wheelbase - Inches: 102 in

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.