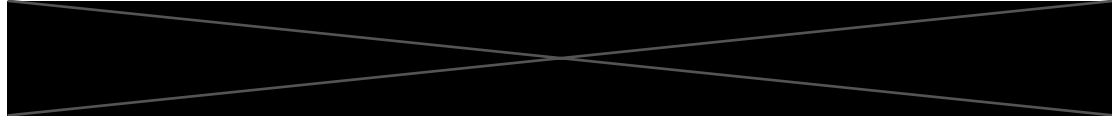


# 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle SS Sport Coupe

**True "138" Factory Super Sport – Meticulous Build with 400ci Big-Block**



**True "138" Factory Super Sport.** This collector-grade 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle stands as a pristine, turn-key example of muscle car history. Benefiting from a meticulous, high-quality **frame-off restoration** under prior ownership, the car has traveled just under 11,000 fully sorted, reliable miles since completion. Because 1966 was the premier year Chevrolet designated the Super Sport as its own distinct series, the ironclad "138" code at the start of the VIN permanently authenticates this car as a factory-born SS from birth, separating it entirely from the common "clones" and "tributes" on the market.

The beautifully finished burgundy exterior showcases laser-straight body lines, a proper SS faux-louvered hood, and excellent chrome trim riding on classic Rally wheels. Inside, the cabin is immaculate and exceptionally well-maintained, featuring classic black vinyl bucket seats, a center console, a wood-rimmed sports steering wheel, and a crisp under-dash auxiliary gauge cluster paired with a column-mounted tachometer. With completely new electrical infrastructure, modern fuel injection, and a fresh powertrain setup, this stunning piece of American muscle is completely turn-key and ready for the open road.

## **Specifications & Engine Details**

- **Engine:** 400 cubic-inch Big-Block V8. While the car is a factory-born SS 396, a previous owner replaced the original motor with a formidable, beautifully detailed 400ci big-block built for incredible street performance and tire-shredding torque.

## **Recent Mechanical, Electrical & Fuel System Upgrades**

The following key updates were recently completed under current ownership specifically to modernize the car's driveability, electrical freshness, and reliability:

- **All-New Electrical & Wiring:** The entire electrical system has been completely redone from front to back. Fresh, clean wiring ensures rock-solid reliability, crisp gauge operation, flawless lighting, and absolute peace of mind against the frustrating electrical gremlins common in vintage vehicles.
- **Modern Holley Sniper EFI Conversion:** The fueling system has been completely upgraded from an old-school carburetor to a modern Holley Sniper Electronic Fuel Injection system. Discreetly installed to maintain a clean, classic engine bay appearance,

this upgrade provides instant, turnkey cold starts, crisp throttle response, and precise automatic self-tuning under any driving conditions.

- **New Gas Tank:** Replaced to complement the brand-new fuel injection system, ensuring a pristine, completely clean, and rust-free fuel supply.
- **Brand-New Transmission:** The entire manual transmission system has been completely replaced with a fresh, crisp assembly. Paired with a floor-mounted Hurst shifter and classic cue-ball knob, it offers incredibly precise, tight, and smooth gear engagement without any vintage linkage slop.
- **All-New Custom Dual Exhaust System:** The entire exhaust tract is brand new from the headers back. This premium setup maximizes flow for the massive big-block and delivers a deeply resonant, aggressive, and unmistakable muscle car rumble without cabin drone.

## Condition & Trunk Preparation

The car is exceptionally solid, though a small area in the trunk required minor preventative maintenance due to the decklid not being shut all the way during storage. This allowed some moisture in, resulting in minor, isolated surface rust on the trunk pan. To address this properly for the next owner, the area was thoroughly taken down to bare metal with a wire brush to scrape away the surface scale and completely sealed with protective black Rust-Oleum. The trunk is now fully stabilized, solid, and perfectly prepped for the new owner to paint or splatter-coat to their exact preference.

## Known Imperfections

While this Chevelle presents beautifully as a high-end build, it has been driven and thoroughly enjoyed for just under 11,000 miles since its restoration rather than being tucked away as a static museum piece. Because it is a thoroughly sorted, road-ready machine, a meticulous close-up inspection will reveal a few minor, expected signs of use. There are occasional tiny stone chips on the lower valance and rocker panels from normal road use, along with some light micro-scratching or faint swirling in the deep burgundy finish that could easily be enhanced with a professional paint correction.

The chrome trim and bumpers retain an incredible shine, though a perfectionist might notice very minor age-appropriate pitting on a few original brightwork pieces. Additionally, the window rubber weather trim is showing its age and will need to be replaced, specifically above the back windows. Overall, because the vehicle features a non-numbers matching powertrain built for maximum street performance, it should be noted that this is a highly authentic, turn-key "driver's car" meant for the open road, rather than an untouched, 100-point concours trailer queen.

# Official VIN History & Decoding

VIN: 138176F131083

VIN Position	Character(s)	Factory Meaning / Breakdown
Digit 1	1	<b>Division:</b> Chevrolet
Digits 2–3	38	<b>Series:</b> SS 396, 8-Cylinder (True Super Sport)
Digits 4–5	17	<b>Body Style:</b> 2-Door Sport Coupe
Digit 6	6	<b>Model Year:</b> 1966
Digit 7	F	<b>Assembly Plant:</b> Flint, Michigan
Digits 8–13	131083	<b>Sequential Production Number:</b> Unit #31,083 built at the Flint plant for 1966.

**Seller Note on Authenticity:** In 1966, Chevrolet uniquely designated the Super Sport as its own separate series using the **138** code in the VIN. This acts as permanent factory documentation that this car is a genuine, authenticated Chevelle SS 396 from birth, protecting your investment from the "clones" and "tributes" common on the market today.

## Cowl Tag

**04D:** Built in **April (04)** during the **fourth week (D)** of the month.

**ST 66-13817:**

- **66** = 1966 Model Year
- **13817** = **SS396 2-Door Sport Coupe** (confirming it as a true Super Sport body).

**FL1:** Assembled at the **Flint, Michigan** plant.

**7278 BODY:** The sequential body fabrication number assigned by Fisher Body.

**TR 731-B: Bright Blue** imitation leather/vinyl bucket seats.

**F-F PAINT: Marina Blue** paint for both the lower body (F) and upper body (F), meaning it left the factory as a solid Marina Blue car with no two-tone or vinyl top.

**2LGR:** Group 2 factory options:

- **L** = 4-speed manual transmission
- **G** = Center console
- **R** = Rear seat speaker