

## **Callaway C 12 Speedster Serial Number 10**

My son Brett and I were in Detroit for a hockey tournament in early 1999. The Detroit auto show was in full swing. We attended the show and went to look at the specialty cars in the basement of the show. We came across a beautiful silver convertible with a red and black interior in a roped off area. We started talking to the representative about the car. He disclosed it was the prototype vehicle for a new product from Callaway Cars. It had been developed for racing. He invited us into the area to sit in the car. We continued talking and he invited me to drive the car in Old Lyme Connecticut.

As we continued our discussions he told me the car would be shown at the NY auto show. I arranged for my wife and I to visit NYC and attend the NY auto show at the Javits Center. There was bright yellow Callaway C 12 with a blue interior displayed at the show. They called it the Cub Scout Car. She saw the yellow car and immediately fell in love with it.

We arranged to visit Old Lyme Connecticut to drive the car. Everyone drove the prototype and enjoyed it. We discussed a variety of options including the carbon fiber interior. After I placed the order in the summer, I added the chrome wheels and the blue top. This was one of only two Speedsters manufactured.

After some delays the car was finally delivered to our home on Valentine's Day 2000. I drove to our Spartanburg office several times and my wife would drive it to the grocery store on occasion. Every time she drove it to the grocery store people were standing around the car when she came out. It would take 20 to 30 minutes to answer all their questions. When driving it on the weekend and stopping at traffic signals people on both sides would ask "What is it."

The car was parked in our private North Carolina garage. The blue and white leather interior was custom designed, and the Blue Carbon fiber interior panels were an option. Trim screens are painted blue. The blue canvas top was suggested by Callaway as the white vinyl Corvette top did not look good. The chrome wheels were an option suggested by Ernst at IVF. They were chromed using a new process. The silver lettering on the rear bumper was personally suggested by Reeves Callaway.

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**From:** Reeves Callaway [rcallaway@callawaycars.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 1999 5:16 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** C12 Speedster

just a quick note as I leave for the day...

I think we have all the construction details for your car in place. I am waiting for our German shop to confirm that they can deliver on time. I should have an answer tomorrow. I see that the car has a requested delivery date of Sept. 1 in our online schedule. That's our internal request of the production facility. I'll have more later and more accurately too.

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**From:** Reeves Callaway [rcallaway@callawaycars.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 1999 8:28 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Wheels

08/18/99

Wheels

12:52 PM

Hi

Just thought I would let you know that in speaking with Germany this morning they have just received a set of wheels that have been chromed in a new process in Germany. Ernst says they look terrific ( they were made for the C12 that will be on display at the Frankfurt IAA in September)

So, I would prefer to have them done by our guys there, rather than some experiment here in the States. Cost is 400/wheel by the time they get here with shipping customs, et al.

Keep thinking on that color choice, will you?

Best,

Reeves

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**From:** Reeves Callaway [rcallaway@callawaycars.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 1999 12:39 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Fwd: top

this is self explanatory....

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Best Regards,

Reeves Callaway

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**Date:** Thursday, August 26, 1999  
**From:** Mike Zoner <mzoner@callawaycars.com>

This is the reply from John Merkhofer regarding top color and fabric change. It would be best to sell this to \_\_\_\_\_ as Claude tells me the white Corvette top is vinyl and does not look good. The canvas top would (should) look much better. >Please let me know direction so we can get the top in the werks. >--  
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**Date:** Wednesday, August 25, 1999  
**From:** [LeatherCar@cs.com](mailto:LeatherCar@cs.com)

blue canvas convertible top with tinted glass and defroster for 1999 Corvette  
\$1230.00 installed