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C3 Corvette VIN Decoder



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Chevrolet kept the same format for the Corvette VIN going from the C2 generation into the C3. It stayed that way for a few years before Chevrolet changed the VIN configuration around again in 1972. It was still 13 digits like in 1965-1971, but the order of characters and their meaning was switched around a bit. The basic information was still shown including year, body style and engine. There was also a third change to the C3 VIN set up in 1981 with the move to a 17 digit system that is close to today's VIN organization.

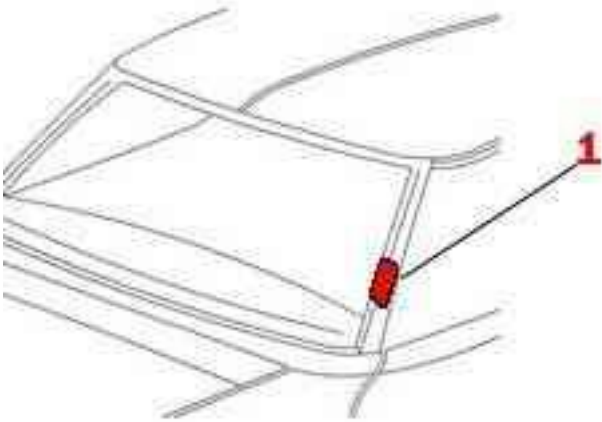
C3 Corvette VIN Ranges (by Year)

Generation	Model Year	Starting VIN	Ending VIN	Notes
C3	1968	194678S400001	194678S428566	
C3	1969	194679S700001	194679S738762	
C3	1970	194670S400001	194670S417316	
C3	1971	194671S100001	194671S121801	
C3	1972	1Z67K2S500001	1Z67K2S527004	
C3	1973	1Z67J3S400001	1Z67J3S434464	
C3	1974	1Z67J4S400001	1Z67J4S437502	

Generation	Model Year	Starting VIN	Ending VIN	Notes
C3	1975	1Z67J5S400001	1Z67J5S438465	
C3	1976	1Z37L6S400001	1Z37L6S446558	
C3	1977	1Z37L7S400001	1Z37L7S449213	
C3	1978	1Z87L8S400001	1Z87L8S440274	
C3	1978	1Z87L8S900001	1Z87L8S906502	Pace Car
C3	1979	1Z8789S400001	1Z8789S453807	
C3	1980	1Z878AS400001	1Z878AS440614	
C3	1981	1G1AY8764BS400001	1G1AY8764BS431611	St. Louis
C3	1981	1G1AY8764B5100001	1G1AY8764B510899	Bowling Green
C3	1982	1G1AY8786C5100001	1G1AY8786C5125407	

C3 Corvette VIN Location

The VIN on a Corvette has always been stamped on a plate, although the location of that plate has varied over the years. From 1968 till 1982, the VIN number was located on the inner side of drivers side windshield post by the A pillar and was visible through window from outside.



C3 Corvette VIN Decoder (1968 – 1971)

C3 CORVETTE VIN DECODER (1968 - 1971)

VIN NUMBER	1	9	4	3	7	8	S	4	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	ENGINE	BODY STYLE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	SERIES (9 FOR CORVETTE)	ENGINE (4 FOR V8)	BODY STYLE (37 COUPE, 67 CONV)	MODEL YEAR (8,9,0,1)	ASSEMBLY (S FOR ST LOUIS)	PRODUCTION NUMBER, STARTING WITH 400001, 700001, 400001 OR 100001
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The start of C3 production kept the same VIN set up as the late C2 models. There were 13 digits. The basic information was still shown including year, body style and order in the production sequence. The 3rd digit signified a V8 engine, but not which one.

C3 Corvette VIN Explanation (1968 – 1971)

Digit 1 – Make/Manufacturer: A one-digit make designation. “1” for Chevrolet

Digit 2 – Series/Model: A one-digit make designation which is General Motors identification/series code for Chevrolet Corvette. “9” for Corvette.

Digit 3 – Engine: A one-digit number for the V8 engine (all cars had the V8). “4” = V8.

Digit 4 & 5 – Body Style: “37” for Coupe, “67” for Convertible.

Digit 6 – Model Year: “8” for 1968, “9” for 1969, “0” for 1970, “1” for 1971.

Digit 7 – Assembly Plant: “S” for St. Louis for 1968 to 1971.

9 (Second Digit)

Model series. 9 – Corvette

4 (Third Digit)

Engine type. 4 – V8 Engine (all types)

37 (Fourth and Fifth Digits)

37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible

8 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 8 – 1968

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

4XXXXXX (Seventh thru Twelfth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits begin at 400001 and run thru 428566, accounting for all 28,566 Corvette Coupes/Convertibles built in 1968. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

1969 Corvette VIN Decoder

1969 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	9	4	3	7	9	S	7	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	ENGINE	BODY STYLE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	SERIES (9 FOR CORVETTE)	ENGINE (4 FOR V8)	BODY STYLE (37 COUPE, 67 CONV)	MODEL YEAR (9 FOR 1969)	ASSEMBLY (S FOR ST LOUIS)	PRODUCTION NUMBER, STARTING WITH 700001 THROUGH TO 738762
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VIN Range **194379S700001 – 194379S738762**

1 (First Digit) Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet

9 (Second Digit) Model series. 9 – Corvette

4 (Third Digit) Engine type. 4 – V8 Engine (all types)

37 (Fourth and Fifth Digits) 37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible

9 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 9 – 1969

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

7XXXXX (Seventh thru Twelfth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits begin at 700001 and run thru 738762, accounting for all 38,762 Corvette Coupes/Convertibles built in 1969. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

1970 Corvette VIN Decoder

1970 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	9	4	3	7	0	S	4	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	ENGINE	BODY STYLE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	SERIES (9 FOR CORVETTE)	ENGINE (4 FOR V8)	BODY STYLE (37 COUPE, 67 CONV)	MODEL YEAR (0 FOR 1970)	ASSEMBLY (S FOR ST LOUIS)	PRODUCTION NUMBER, STARTING WITH 400001 THROUGH TO 417316
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VIN Range	194370S400001 – 194370S417316
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1 (First Digit)	Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet
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9 (Second Digit)	Model series. 9 – Corvette
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4 (Third Digit)	Engine type. 4 – V8 Engine (all types)
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37 (Fourth and Fifth Digits)	37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible
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0 (Sixth Digit)	Model Year. 0 – 1970
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S (Seventh Digit)	Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri
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4XXXXX (Seventh thru Twelfth Digits)	Plant Sequence Numbers.
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The last six digits begin at 400001 and run thru 417316, accounting for all 17,316 Corvette Coupes/Convertibles built in 1970. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

1971 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	9	4	3	7	1	S	1	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	ENGINE	BODY STYLE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE
(1 FOR CHEVROLET)

SERIES
(9 FOR CORVETTE)

ENGINE
(4 FOR V8)

BODY STYLE
(37 COUPE,
67 CONV)

MODEL YEAR
(1 FOR 1971)

ASSEMBLY
(S FOR ST LOUIS)

PRODUCTION NUMBER,
STARTING WITH 100001
THROUGH TO 121801

1971 Corvette VIN Decoder

VIN Range

194371S100001 – 194371S12180

1 (First Digit)

Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet

9 (Second Digit)

Model series. 9 – Corvette

4 (Third Digit)

Engine type. 4 – V8 Engine (all types)

37 (Fourth and Fifth Digits)

37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible

1 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 1 – 1971

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

1XXXXX (Seventh thru Twelfth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits begin at 100001 and run thru 121801, accounting for all 21,801 Corvette Coupes/Convertibles built in 1971. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

C3 Corvette VIN Decoder (1972 – 1980)

C3 CORVETTE VIN DECODER (1972 - 1980)

VIN NUMBER	1	Z	3	7	K	2	S	5	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	BODY STYLE	ENGINE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	SERIES (Z FOR CORVETTE)	BODY STYLE (37 COUPE, 67 CONV, 87 COUPE (78/80))	ENGINE (SEE ENGINE CODES BY YEAR)	MODEL YEAR (2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A)	ASSEMBLY (S FOR ST LOUIS)	PRODUCTION NUMBER, STARTING WITH 500001 OR 400001.
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Chevrolet changed the VIN configuration around again in 1972. It was still 13 digits like in 1965-1971, but the order of characters and their meaning was switched around a bit. The basic information was still shown including year, body style and engine.

C3 Corvette VIN Explanation (1972 – 1980)

Digit 1 – Make/Manufacturer: “1” for Chevrolet

Digit 2 – Model/Series: “Z” for Corvette

Digit 3 & 4 – Body Style: “37” for Coupe, “67” for Convertible, “87” for Coupe (1978-1980)

Digit 5 – Engine: See below for list of engine codes by year

- **Engine VIN codes by year**
- 1972 – “K” for base (350 cid, 200 hp), “L” for LT1 (350 cid, 255 hp), “W” for LS5 (454 cid, 270 hp)
- 1973 – “J” = L48 (350 cid, 190 hp), “T” for L82 (350 cid, 250 hp), “Z” for LS4 (454 cid, 275 hp)
- 1974 – “J” for L48 (350 cid, 195 hp), “T” for L82 (350 cid, 250 hp), “Z” for LS4 (454 cid, 270 hp)
- 1975 – “J” for L48 (350 cid, 165 hp), “T” for L82 (350 cid, 205 hp)
- 1976 – “L” for L48 (350 cid, 180 hp), “X” for L82 (350 cid, 210 hp)

- 1977 – “L” for L48 (350 cid, 180 hp), “X” for L82 (350 cid, 210 hp)
- 1978 – “L” for L48 (350 cid, 175 hp), “X” for L82 (350 cid, 220 hp)
- 1979 – “8” for L48 (350 cid, 195 hp), “4” for L82 (350 cid, 225 hp)
- 1980 – “H” for LG4 (305 cid, 180 hp), “8” for L48 (350 cid, 190 hp), “6” for L82 (350 cid, 230 hp)

Digit 6 – Model Year: “2” for 1972, “3” for 1973, “4” for 1974, “5” for 1975, “6” for 1976, “7” for 1977, “8” for 1978, “9” for 1979, “A” for 1980.

Digit 7 – Assembly Plant: “S” for St. Louis

Digit 8 through 13 – Production Number: This is the six-digit build sequence number and starts at **5100001** in 1971. In 1972, the Production Sequence Number changed to **4100001** after 1972. Each new Corvette produced being assigned the next number in sequence. Last sequence number should equal total production for that year in almost all cases.

1972 Corvette VIN Decoder

1972 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	Z	3	7	K	2	S	5	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	BODY STYLE	ENGINE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	SERIES (Z FOR CORVETTE)	BODY STYLE (37 COUPE, 67 CONV)	ENGINE (1972: K, L, W)	MODEL YEAR (2 FOR 1972)	ASSEMBLY (S FOR ST LOUIS)	PRODUCTION NUMBER, STARTING WITH 500001 THROUGH 527004.
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VIN Range**1Z37K2S500001 – 1Z37K2S527004**

1 (First Digit)

Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet

Z (Second Digit)

Model series. Z – Corvette

37 (Third and Fourth Digits)

37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible

K (Fifth Digit)

Engine type. K – Base Engine / L – LT1 / W – LS5

2 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 2 – 1972

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

5XXXXX (Eighth thru Thirteenth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits begin at 500001 and run thru 527004, accounting for all 27,004 Corvette Coupes/Convertibles built in 1972. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

37 (Third and Fourth Digits)

37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible

J (Fifth Digit)

Engine type. J – Base Engine / T – L82 / Z – LS4

3 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 3 – 1973

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

4XXXXXX (Eighth thru Thirteenth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits begin at 400001 and run thru 434464, accounting for 30,464 Corvette Coupes/Convertibles built in 1973. 4,000 serial numbers were unused for the 1973 model year. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

1974 Corvette VIN Decoder

1974 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	Z	3	7	J	4	S	4	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	BODY STYLE	ENGINE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	SERIES (Z FOR CORVETTE)	BODY STYLE (37 COUPE, 67 CONV)	ENGINE (1974: J, T, Z)	MODEL YEAR (4 FOR 1974)	ASSEMBLY (S FOR ST LOUIS)	PRODUCTION NUMBER, STARTING WITH 400001 THROUGH 437502.
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VIN Range **1Z37J4S400001 – 1Z37J4S437502**

1 (First Digit) Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet

Z (Second Digit) Model series. Z – Corvette

37 (Third and Fourth Digits) 37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible

J (Fifth Digit) Engine type. J – Base Engine / T – L82 / Z – LS4

4 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 4 – 1974

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

4XXXXXX (Eighth thru Thirteenth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits begin at 400001 and run thru 437502, accounting for 37,502 Corvette Coupes/Convertibles built in 1974. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

Engine Code (J for 350ci, 195hp; T for 350ci, 250hp; Z for 454ci, 270hp).

1975 Corvette VIN Decoder

1975 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	Z	3	7	J	5	S	4	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	BODY STYLE	ENGINE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	SERIES (Z FOR CORVETTE)	BODY STYLE (37 COUPE, 67 CONV)	ENGINE (1975: J, T)	MODEL YEAR (5 FOR 1975)	ASSEMBLY (S FOR ST LOUIS)	PRODUCTION NUMBER, STARTING WITH 400001 THROUGH 438465.
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VIN Range

1Z37J5S400001 – 1Z37J5S438465

1 (First Digit)

Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet

Z (Second Digit)

Model series. Z – Corvette

37 (Third and Fourth Digits)

37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible

J (Fifth Digit)

Engine type. J – Base Engine / T – L82 / Z – LS4

5 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 5 – 1975

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

4XXXXX (Eighth thru Thirteenth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits begin at 400001 and run thru 438465, accounting for 38,465 Corvette Coupes/Convertibles built in 1975. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

Engine Code (J for 350ci, 195hp; T for 350ci, 250hp; Z for 454ci, 270hp).

1976 Corvette VIN Decoder

1976 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	Z	3	7	L	6	S	4	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	BODY STYLE	ENGINE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE
(1 FOR CHEVROLET)

SERIES
(Z FOR CORVETTE)

BODY STYLE
(37 COUPE)

ENGINE
(1976: L, X)

MODEL YEAR
(6 FOR 1976)

ASSEMBLY PLANT
(S FOR ST LOUIS)

PRODUCTION NUMBER,
STARTING WITH 400001
THROUGH 446558.

VIN Range

1Z37L6S400001 – 1Z37L6S446558

1 (First Digit)

Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet

Z (Second Digit)

Model series. Z – Corvette

37 (Third and Fourth Digits)

37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible

L (Fifth Digit)

L – Base Engine / X – L82 Engine

6 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 6 – 1976

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

4XXXXXX (Eighth thru Thirteenth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits begin at 400001 and run thru 446558, accounting for 46,558 Corvette Coupes built in 1976. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car. There is documented evidence that the final VIN for the 1976 Corvette ended in 446567, nine more units than the published total of 46,558.

Engine Code (L for 350ci, 180hp; X for 350ci, 210hp).

Note that for 1976-1982 Corvettes, the 3rd digit is a 3 or 8 because there were no convertibles made.

1977 Corvette VIN Decoder

1977 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	Z	3	7	L	7	S	4	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	BODY STYLE	ENGINE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE
(1 FOR CHEVROLET)

SERIES
(Z FOR CORVETTE)

BODY STYLE
(37 COUPE)

ENGINE
(1977: L, X)

MODEL YEAR
(7 FOR 1977)

ASSEMBLY PLANT
(S FOR ST LOUIS)

PRODUCTION NUMBER,
STARTING WITH 400001
THROUGH 449213.

VIN Range

1Z37L7S400001 – 1Z37L7S449213

1 (First Digit)

Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet

Z (Second Digit)

Model series. Z – Corvette

37 (Third and Fourth Digits)

37- Corvette Coupe / 67 – Corvette Convertible

L (Fifth Digit)

L – Base Engine / X – L82 Engine

7 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 7 – 1977

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

4XXXXXX (Eighth thru Thirteenth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits begin at 400001 and run thru 449213, accounting for 49,213 Corvette Coupes built in 1977. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

Note that for 1976-1982 Corvettes, the 3rd digit is a 3 or 8 because there were no convertibles made.

1978 Corvette VIN Decoder

1978 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	Z	8	7	L	8	S	4	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	BODY STYLE	ENGINE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	SERIES (Z FOR CORVETTE)	BODY STYLE (87 COUPE)	ENGINE (1978: L, X)	MODEL YEAR (8 FOR 1978)	ASSEMBLY (S FOR ST LOUIS)	PRODUCTION NUMBER, STARTING WITH 400001 THROUGH 440274.
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VIN Range	1Z87L8S400001 – 1Z87L8S440274 (Corvette Coupe) 1Z87L8S900001 – 1Z87L8S906502 (Corvette Pace Car)
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1 (First Digit)	Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet
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Z (Second Digit)	Model series. Z – Corvette
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87 (Third and Fourth Digits)	87- Corvette Coupe
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L (Fifth Digit)	L – Base Engine / X – L82 Engine
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8 (Sixth Digit)	Model Year. 8 – 1978
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S (Seventh Digit)	Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri
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4XXXXXX (Eighth thru Thirteenth Digits)	Plant Sequence Numbers.
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The last six digits for the Corvette Coupe begin at 400001 and run thru 440274, accounting for all 40,274 Corvette Coupes built in 1978.

Z (Second Digit)

Model series. Z – Corvette

87 (Third and Fourth Digits)

87- Corvette Coupe

8 (Fifth Digit)

Engine Type. L – Base Engine / X – L82 Engine

9 (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. 9 – 1979

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

4XXXXXX (Eighth thru Thirteenth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits for the Corvette Coupe begin at 400001 and run thru 453807, accounting for all 53,807 Corvette Coupes built in 1979. 5,227 Corvettes were sold in Canada. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

Note that for 1976-1982 Corvettes, the 3rd digit is a 3 or 8 because there were no convertibles made.

1980 Corvette VIN Decoder

1980 CORVETTE VIN DECODER

VIN NUMBER	1	Z	8	7	H	A	S	4	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

MAKE	SERIES	BODY STYLE	ENGINE	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	SERIES (Z FOR CORVETTE)	BODY STYLE (87 COUPE)	ENGINE (1980: H, 8, 6)	MODEL YEAR (A FOR 1980)	ASSEMBLY (S FOR ST LOUIS)	PRODUCTION NUMBER, STARTING WITH 400001 THROUGH 440614.

VIN Range **1Z878AS400001 – 1Z878AS440614 (Corvette Coupe)**

1 (First Digit) Make/Manufacturer. 1 – Chevrolet

Z (Second Digit) Model series. Z – Corvette

87 (Third and Fourth Digits) 87 – Corvette Coupe

8 (Fifth Digit) Engine Type. 8 – Base Engine / H – LG4 / 6 – L82 Engine

A (Sixth Digit)

Model Year. A – 1980

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

4XXXXXX (Eighth thru Thirteenth Digits)

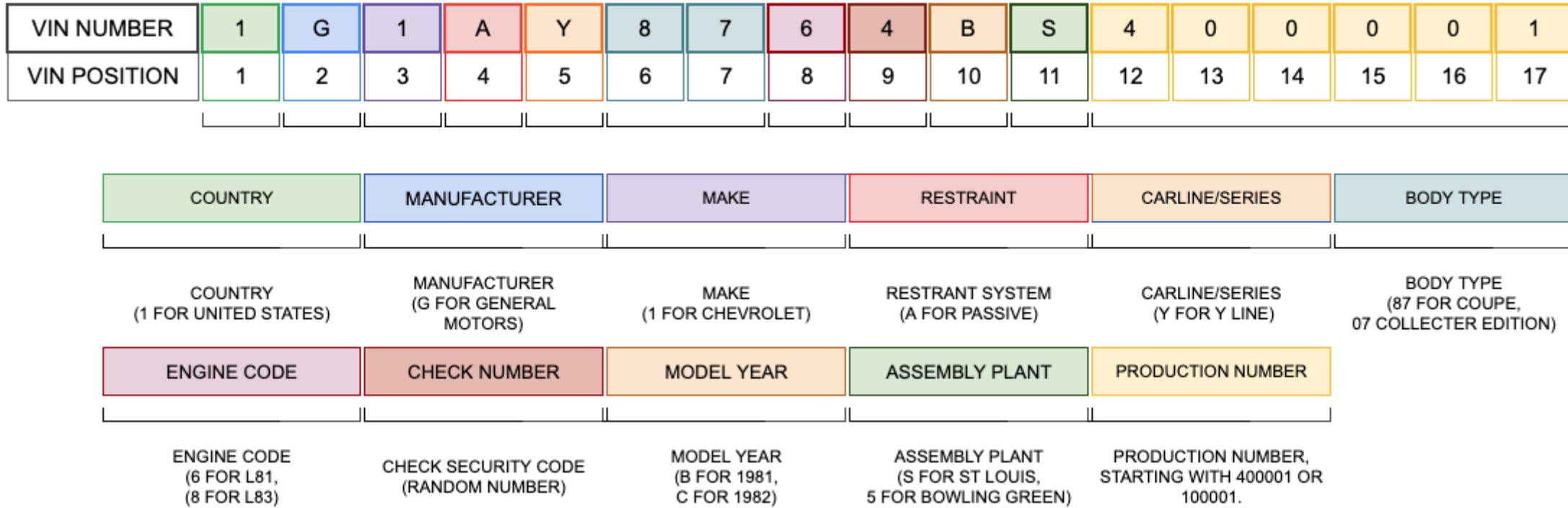
Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits for the Corvette Coupe begin at 400001 and run thru 440614, accounting for all 40614 Corvette Coupes built in 1980. 5,020 Corvettes were sold in Canada. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

Note that for 1976-1982 Corvettes, the 3rd digit is a 3 or 8 because there were no convertibles made.

C3 Corvette VIN Decoder (1981 – 1982)

C3 CORVETTE VIN DECODER (1981 - 1982)



Starting in 1981 GM added several characters to the Corvette VIN to bring the total up to 17 digits. Thankfully this new longer VIN helps standardize the decoding process and has remained mostly the same for almost 30 years now. Those extra characters also allowed GM to give more information about each car. Special options like the ZR1 are now easily verified by VIN, which can be a big help when researching Corvettes for sale.

C3 Corvette VIN Explanation (1981 – 1982)

Digit 1 – Country of manufacture: “1” for United States

Digit 2 – Manufacturer: “G” for General Motors

Digit 3 – Make: “1” for Chevrolet

Digit 4 – Restraint System: “A” for Manual Belts

Digit 5 – Body Series: “Y” for Y Line Body

Digit 6 & 7 – Body Style: “87” for Coupe

Digit 8 – Engine:

- **Engine VIN codes by year:**
- 1981 – “6” for L81 (5.7L, 190 hp)
- 1982 – “8” for L83 (5.7L, 200 hp)

Digit 9 – Check Number: Random Security Number: This number varies randomly from car to car.

Digit 10 – Model Year: “B” for 1981, “C” = 1982

Digit 11 – Assembly Plant: “5” for Bowling Green, “S” for St. Louis (Only on 1981 Corvettes which were made at both plants).

Digit 12 through 17 – Production Number: This is the six-digit build sequence number and starts at **400001** in 1981. In 1982, the Production Sequence Number changed to **100001**. Each new Corvette produced being assigned the next number in sequence. Last sequence number should equal total production for that year in almost all cases.

1981 Corvette VIN Decoder

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VIN NUMBER	1	G	1	A	Y	8	7	6	4	B	S	4	0	0	0	0	1
VIN POSITION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

COUNTRY	MANUFACTURER	MAKE	RESTRAINT	CARLINE/SERIES	BODY TYPE
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COUNTRY (1 FOR UNITED STATES)	MANUFACTURER (G FOR GENERAL MOTORS)	MAKE (1 FOR CHEVROLET)	RESTRANT SYSTEM (A FOR PASSIVE)	CARLINE/SERIES (Y FOR Y LINE)	BODY TYPE (87 FOR COUPE)
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ENGINE CODE	CHECK NUMBER	MODEL YEAR	ASSEMBLY PLANT	PRODUCTION NUMBER
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ENGINE CODE
(6 FOR L81)

CHECK SECURITY CODE
(RANDOM NUMBER)

MODEL YEAR
(B FOR 1981)

ASSEMBLY PLANT
(S FOR ST LOUIS,
5 FOR BOWLING GREEN)

PRODUCTION NUMBER,
STARTING WITH 400001
THROUGH 431611.

VIN Range

1G1AY8764BS400001 – 1G1AY8764BS431611 (St. Louis)
1G1AY8764B5100001 – 1G1AY8764B5108995 (Bowling Green)

1 (First Digit)

Country. 1 – U.S. built / 2 – Canada built.

G (Second Digit)

Manufacturer. G – General Motors

1 (Third Digit)

Make. 1 – Chevrolet

A (Fourth Digit).

Restraint System. A – Nonpassive/manual belts

Y (Fifth Digit)

Series. Y – Corvette

87 (Sixth and Seventh Digit)

Body Type. 87 – Coupe 2-Door Plainback Special

S (Seventh Digit)

Vehicle Assembly Location. S – St. Louis, Missouri

6 (Eight Digit)

Engine Type. 6 – 5.7L 4BBL

4 (Ninth Digit)

Check Digit. This number will vary.

B (Tenth Digit)

Model Year. B – 1981

S or 5 (Eleventh Digit)

Plant. S – St. Louis / 5 – Bowling Green

4XXXXX or 1XXXXX

Twelfth thru Seventeenth Digits – Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits for the Corvette Coupe built in St. Louis begin at 400001 and run thru 431611. The last six digits for the Corvette Coupe built in Bowling Green begin at 100001 and run thru 108995. This accounts for all 40606 Corvette Coupes built in 1981. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.

For all 1981 Corvettes, the location of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is stamped on a plate attached to the left front body hinge pillar.

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1 (Third Digit)

Make. 1 – Chevrolet

A (Fourth Digit).

Restraint System. A – Nonpassive/manual belts

Y (Fifth Digit)

Series. Y – Corvette

87 (Sixth and Seventh Digit)

Body Type. 87 – Coupe 2-Door Plainback Special / 07 – Collector Edition
Hatchback Coupe

8 (Eight Digit)

Engine Type. 8 – 5.7L CFI

6 (Ninth Digit)

Check Digit. This number will vary.

C (Tenth Digit)

Model Year. C – 1982

5 (Eleventh Digit)

Plant. 5 – Bowling Green

1XXXXX (Twelfth thru
Seventeenth Digits)

Plant Sequence Numbers.

The last six digits for the Corvette Coupe begin at 100001 and run thru 125408 accounting for all 25,407 Corvette Coupes built in 1982. Each Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is unique to an individual car.