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Nassau, the Bahamas, December 1963. The Mecom Racing Team Corvette Grand Sports storm Nassau Speed Week (accompanied, coincidentally, by a group of vacationing Chevrolet engineers), shocking the racing world.  
Photograph by Dave Friedman

## ***CORVETTE GRAND SPORT COUPE.***

There is special significance to the "Grand Sport" nameplate. This newest Corvette is a tribute to the most famous competition Corvettes ever, the 1963 Grand Sport lightweight racers.

Only five Grand Sports were built, but these Sting Ray-based machines made history in a hurry. And then they were gone.

The 1996 Grand Sport is the highest-performance regular-production Corvette you can buy. It showcases the new 330-hp, LT4 V8 engine, F45 suspension with new Selective Real Time Damping, and Acceleration Slip Regulation (traction control).

The 1996 Grand Sport recalls the original racer appearance of 1963 — with Arctic White striping on vivid Admiral Blue paint. And it, too, is destined to make history.



## **GRAND SPORT INTERIOR.**

You expect a great driving environment in a sports machine as focused as Corvette Grand Sport. And you get it.

Sport seats with six-way power adjusters and lumbar support are standard. Color choices are Red/Black or all Black, and the perforated seating surfaces feature "Grand Sport" lettering.

Everything — controls, instrumentation — is right where you want it to be. The relationship between seats, pedals, six-speed shifter and adjustable steering wheel is carefully considered and race car-inspired.

Inside as well as out, this is an automobile worthy of the Grand Sport name.





## **PERFORMANCE REVOLUTION. THE NEW LT4.**

What's hotter than an LT1 Corvette? Only the new-for-1996 LT4 Corvette. It will capture the attention of anyone who enjoys horsepower and torque in massive quantities.

Basic architecture remains true to small-block tradition. Displacement is 350 cubic inches.

But the advancements include a new high-compression cylinder head, a recontoured camshaft, new fuel injectors and a performance crankshaft. Add a host of other changes, and you've got 330 high-winding horsepower at 5800 rpm, and 340 lb.-ft. of torque at 4500 rpm.

Bottom line: we've taken an engine that was already world-class and added "bandwidth." In other words, ample torque at the low end, and even more horsepower at a higher rpm level than ever before. You'll love it.





## GRAND SPORT PERFORMANCE.



The original Corvette Grand Sport racer of 1963 taught would-be competitors a thing or two about speed, stamina and cornering power.

Today's Grand Sport earns its designation



with the most powerful production small-block V8 ever placed in a Corvette.

Everything we've gained from our racing experience with fourth-generation Corvettes is reflected in this car.

Grand Sport is equipped with the new LT4



V8/6-speed manual powertrain, producing 330 horsepower at 5800 rpm. This performance equation is enhanced by a sophisticated four-wheel independent suspension with available Selective Real Time Damping, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS and Acceleration Slip Regulation (traction control). Goodyear

GS-C Eagle tires on beefy, black, 17-inch wheels add to Grand Sport tenacity.



The Grand Sport is a very special Corvette —

as were the "lustie" Corvettes of the Fifties and the 427 "big-blocks" of the Sixties — and it will never go unnoticed.



Those dual red hash marks on the left front fender of every 1996 Grand Sport have significance. Of the five original Grand Sport racers, three coupes made their debut with the Mechem Racing Team at Nassau, in 1963. Along with their distinctive Mechem team paint scheme, color-coded hash marks were used on the bodywork to differentiate one car from another.

## A GUIDE TO CORVETTE PERFORMANCE.

For 1996, Corvette buyers have two performance choices, the LT1 and the new LT4. Both Corvette engines feature advanced Sequential Fuel Injection, computer-controlled ignition timing, a long-life serpentine accessory drive belt and platinum-tip spark plugs. This is technology so advanced you can travel up to 100,000 miles before the first scheduled tune-up.\*

\*Maintenance needs vary with different uses and conditions. See your owner's manual for more information.

**LT1/AUTOMATIC.** Horsepower: 300 at 5000 rpm.



Torque: 335 lb.-ft. at 4000 rpm. The LT1 that powers Corvette is America's favorite

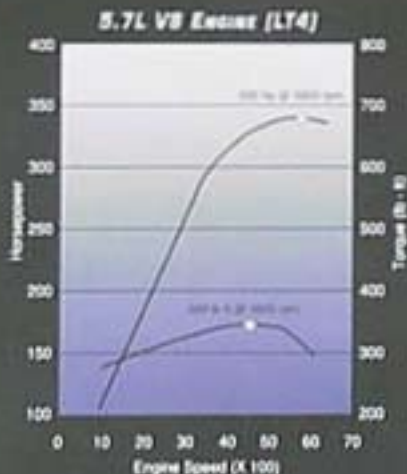
performance V8. For 1996, the LT1 is available only with an electronically controlled 4-speed automatic transmission. The LT1 is standard in Corvette Coupe, Convertible and Collector Edition models. It is not available in the Grand Sport.

**LT4/6-Speed.** Horsepower: 330 at 5800 rpm.

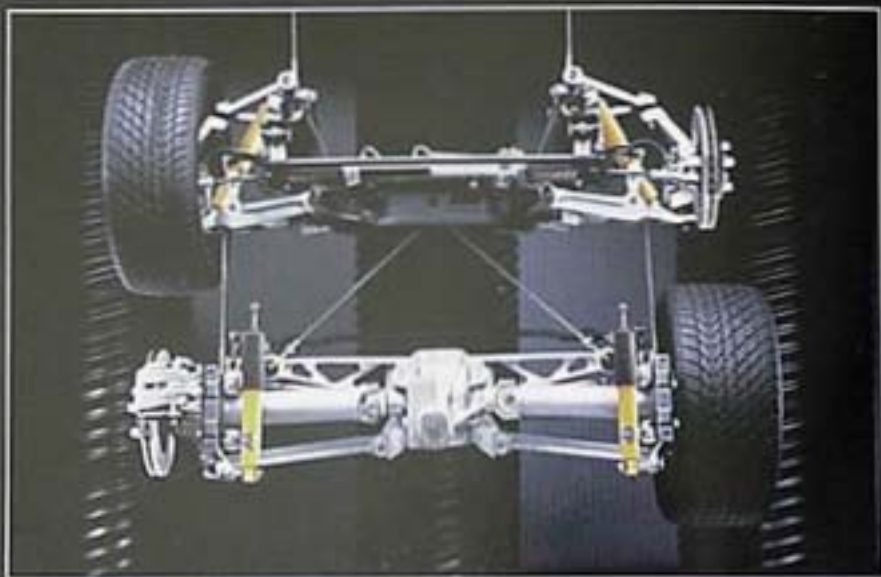


Torque: 340 lb.-ft. at 4500 rpm. It's everything the LT1 is and more. The

LT4 is available only with the 6-speed manual transmission. It is a required option in the Grand Sport and optional in Coupe, Convertible and Collector Edition models.



*The LT4 V8 delivers impressive torque and horsepower through a remarkably wide RPM range.*



*A four-wheel independent suspension contributes to the poised, balanced feel of Corvette.*



## CORVETTE COLORS AND TRIM.

Recommended Interior/Exterior Color Combinations.

Exterior Colors	Interior Colors			
	Black	Light Beige	Torch Red	Light Gray
Black	■	■	■	■
Arctic White	■	■	■	■
Bright Aqua Metallic	■	■	■	■
Dark Purple Metallic	■	■	■	■
Competition Yellow	■	■	■	■
Poly Green II Metallic	■	■	■	■
Torch Red	■	■	■	■
Sebring Silver Metallic*	■	■	■	■
Admiral Blue Metallic**	■	■	■	■

\*Collector Edition only. Grand Sport Edition only.  
\*\*Torch Red/Black on Grand Sport Edition.

The Collector Edition is only available in Sebring Silver Metallic and the Grand Sport is only available in Admiral Blue Metallic.

Convertible tops available in Light Beige or Black fabric and Arctic White vinyl. Black only on Collector Edition Convertible. White only on Grand Sport Edition Convertible.

