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- Corvette is a Recommended Buy
- Corvette Convertible had the lowest overall insurance losses of any car







As it has for decades, the Corvette continues to deliver eyeopening performance, distinctive styling and a surprisingly comfortable ride. All of this puts it in a class of its own.

Even at the Z06 level, the Corvettes dual personality—a splendid street car that is just as much at home on a race track—is unmatched for the money that you plunk down. Some autoindustry critics have complained about the quality of the interior of this year's Corvettes, but we are less put off by it. We found the bucket seats to be firm and supportive, and, even on long trips, the Corvette is a comfortable companion



AMERICAN BRAWN MUSCLES OUT GERMAN ENGINEERING.

Chevrolet Corvette Z06 takes the first Consumer Reports Drivers' Choice Championship.



Here's who the Corvette Z06 beat on the path to victory...

Chevrolet Corvette Z06

The Competition

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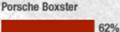






QUARTERFINALS





38%



SEMIFINALS

66%

CHAMPIONSHIP



Porsche Panamera 59% 41%

CONSUMER REPORTS - Moto Madness Championship - Corvette Z06 Wins The Title - 4/11

The original field of 32 vehicles had been narrowed down to a championship round with the Chevrolet Corvette Z06 facing off against the Porsche Panamera.

The online voters made it clear the Z06 was their favorite.

The Future's Most Collectible Cars



By Constance Parten, Senior Producer











For most people, automobiles are used for practical purposes. A lucky few drive expensive status symbols.

Top Five Most Collectible Cars of the Future

We asked McKeel Hagerty, a car aficionado and CEO of Hagerty Insurance, the leading insurer of rare and collectible automobiles and boats, which cars he thinks will lead the field when it comes to investing



Chevrolet Corvette ZR1

Production: 2009-Present

Transmission: 6-speed Manual

Horsepower: 638 bhp @ 6,500 rpm

Top Speed: 205 mph

Purchase Price: \$100,000

Today's Value Range: \$80,000 - \$100,000

"This is the Corvette that elevated the model into a new class of world class sports cars," Hagerty says. "Nowhere has this news been more prominently displayed than on the recent ZR1, the most powerful Corvette to date. And unlike the big block screamers of the 1960s, like the L88, the ZR1 is totally trackable and downright docile."

Decade in Review: 10Best of the Aughties - Feature The 10 cars that dominated the past 10 10Best lists.







Chevrolet Corvette - 8 10Best appearances

America's sports car made lengthy strides this past decade, improving build quality and shaming the world's supercars in sheer competence. Offering a highly proficient chassis and high horsepower at an affordable price, the Vette earned itself eight 10Best crowns. What We Said:

"But if you want comfort, convenience, and uncanny competence in one handsome package, the Vette is in a class by itself." —January 2003

"This combination of heritage and sophistication gives the Corvette a uniquely American blend of performance, swagger, and everyday livability—characteristics that are all amplified in the 505-hp Z06 version." —January 2007

10 Best Cars of the Past Decade







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How does anyone pick the 10 best vehicles of the past 10 years? Fortunately, Kiplinger ranks cars and SUVs every year, picking the best in various price categories based on performance, value and safety. So we combed a decade's worth of our buyer's guides to find the vehicles that showed up as winners time and time again. When the choices got tough, we gave the nod to iconic vehicles that pioneered a category and have stood the test of time.



Sports Car: CHEVROLET CORVETTE

Sticker price: \$49,900 (2011). Resale value (3 yrs./5 yrs.): 55%/38%. Horsepower: 430. MPG (city/highway): 16/26. Sticker price, 2001 model: \$40,475. Horsepower for 2001: 350. MPG (city/highway) for 2001: 17/26 (revised).

In the past decade, Corvette has won a Kiplinger's Best award in the sports car category six times. Why? Beastly power, a tame price and

considerable cargo room, where the back seat would otherwise be. The Vette was introduced in 1953, and it has aged along with the baby boomers — getting more powerful and faster with the years. The sixth generation Vette is shorter and narrower than its predecessor — more like the European sports cars — and the fastest yet: It clocks zero to 60 in 4 seconds flat. You can also get the Corvette in a convertible. And if 430 horses aren't enough, consider the Z06 (505 hp) or the ZR1 (638 hp). Both have top speeds of around 200 miles per hour.



4.1-MILE PEAK **OVERALL** ROAD COURSE, SPEED, LAP TIME/MPH MPH Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 2:51.8/85.9 157.4 KTM X-Bow 2:52.3/85.7 131.7 Lamborghini Murciélago LP670-4 SV 2:53.9/84.9 157.5 2:57.6/83.1 135.4 Ariel Atom 3 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport 2:58.8/82.6 144.4 Audi R8 5.2 FSI 2:59.5/82.2 150.4 Lotus Exige S 260 Sport 3:05.0/79.8 129.6 139.5 BMW M3 3:05.4/79.6 Porsche Cayman S 3:05.8/79.4 134.5 141.7 Porsche 911 Carrera S 3:05.8/79.4 Jaguar XKR 3:06.4/79.2 144.9 Ford Shelby GT500 134.8 3:07.4/78.8 Audi TTS 3:08.4/78.3 129.5 Chevrolet Camaro SS 135.9 3:09.5/77.9 3:10.8/77.4 131.4 Audi S4 Nissan NISMO 370Z 3:12.0/76.9 127.2

Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 Porsche 911 Carrera S Audi R8 5.2 FSI Lamborghini Murciélago LP670 Price base / as tested \$55,720 / \$57,310 \$106,620 / \$119,370 \$87,795 / \$107,735 \$158,400 / \$171,600 \$458,395 / \$480,325

LIGHTNING LAP at VIR

We expected the Grand Sport to better the Z51's time, and it did, by well over two seconds. Like all Corvettes, it has strong grip and excellent midrange power, with the added bonus of the Z06's stunning

brakes..

ZR1 has Ohmigod! brakes, stellar thrust,... The ZR1 was 2.8 seconds quicker than the Ferrari 430 Scuderia and 3.8 seconds up on the Nissan GT-R (both from the 2008 event). All other things being equal, that's what a power-to-weight ratio of 5.3 pounds per horsepower will do for a car's performance



Lightning Lap 2011 - Feature For the fifth time, we shake down the year's hottest metal at VIR.

BY K.C. COLWELL, MARK GILLIES, TONY QUIROGA, AND DAVE VANDERWERP, PHOTOGRAPHY BY PATRICK M. HOEY AND MARC URBANO

December 2010

The <u>Corvette Z06</u> now offers a Z07 performance package that incorporates some of the best features from the top-of-the-line <u>ZR1</u>, namely magnetorheological shocks, Michelin Pilot Sport PS2 tires, and Brembo carbon-ceramic brakes. Our -tester also came with the carbon-fiber package. ...the Z07 option makes the Z06 blossom into a frankly amazing track car. Although it cedes 133 horsepower to the supercharged ZR1, the Z06 was just 1.7 seconds off the pace of its more expensive sibling.

The Z06 Corvette was also quicker than the Lamborghini Murciélago LP670-4 SV we ran last year and the breathtaking Ferrari 430 Scuderia at VIR in 2008, cars that are vastly more expensive. And the Vette felt as if it could run fast, repeatable laps all day long.

We were also impressed by the car's relatively neutral midcorner behavior and its brakes, which could stop a runaway locomotive.

OVERALL		A.I-MILE ROAD COURSE, LAP TIME/AVG MPH
MOSLER PHOTON LAMBORGHINI LP570-4 SUPERLEGGERA CHEVROLET CORVETTE ZO6 PORSCHE 911 GT3 RS PORSCHE 911 TURBO S MERCEDES-BENZ SLS AMG	\$389,000 \$259,000 \$84,750 \$146,590 \$161,650 \$187,450	2:49.8/86.9 2.51.8/85.9 2:53.5/85.1 2:55.9/83.9 2:57.5/83.2 2:58.0/82.9



MOTOR TRIVE

Comparison: 2011 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 vs. 2010 Porsche 911 Turbo

Monsters' Brawl: The King of the Hill Takes on the Autobahn Kaiser **November, 2010** issue of Motor Trend
/ By Jonny Lieberman/ Photography by Evan Klein

1ST PLACE: CHEVROLET CORVETTE ZR1

We're still red-eyed, white-knuckled, and blue in the face over GM's most powerful superduper car.

2ND PLACE: PORSCHE 911 TURBO

The thinking man's supercar and dragstrip missile fails to tug at our heartstrings. It's flawless to a fault.

What about the Porsche? Well, it broke. The twin variable-vane turbos stopped spooling and the boost went bye-bye as we were warming the car up for its runs. Why? As of this writing, we don't know.

If two people looked at the Porsche, 50 drooled all over the Chevrolet. And both cars were alternately parked in front of my house for two weeks, but I discovered pink lipstick marks only on the Corvette's windshield. That's right, someone kissed the ZR1.



TEST DATA	ZR1	911 Turbo
0-60	3.5	3.0
1/4 mile	11.5	11.2
@ speed	126.9	125.3
Standing mile	29.8	N/A
@ speed	177.2	N/A
Braking, 60-0 mph	99 ft	101 ft
Skid pad	1.07 g	1.01 g
MT figure eight	23.4	23.8
Road course 2.5mi	89.69	93.31

CONSUMER INFO	ZR1	911 Turbo
Base price	\$109,130	\$133,750
Price as tested	\$121,425	\$149,370
Hp / torque	638 / 604	500 / 480
Curb Weight	3329 lb	3500 lb



Top Speed Champions – The Fastest Cars in North America - Special Report

Six of the flat-out fastest cars you can buy in North America – right now.

By Nick Kurczewski December 6, 2010

- Bugatti Veyron Super Sport 268 mph \$2,700,000
- Ferrari 599 GTO 208 mph \$450,000
- Corvette ZR1 205 mph \$110,750
- Porsche GT2 RS 205 mph \$245,000
- •Bentey Continental Supersports 204 mph -\$260,000
- •Lexus LFA 202 mph \$375,000

2011 Corvette ZR1 - 205mph



The \$110,750 Corvette ZR1 is the cheapest way to break into the 200-mph club. In the case of this snarling Chevy coupe, that would be an official top speed of 205 mph. Don't be fooled by an exterior that appears similar to the standard 430-bhp Corvette. Under the ZR1's skin beats the heart of a 638-bhp supercharged 6.2-liter V-8. The wild motor is visible to passersby, thanks to a clear hood scoop that announces exactly how potent this Vette truly is. The cabin is also a quantum leap forward from the plasticky Vette interiors of a generation or two ago. It might lack some of the hand-craftsmanship of the other vehicles here, but the ZR1 has a sticker price that is less than half that of the competition – a fact we think more than makes up for any lack of mahogany paneling or titanium switch knobs. The ZR1's trunk will even hold a week's worth of luggage.



2011 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 - To the Power of 12 - Road Test Power-to-weight or bang-for-the-buck? Chevy takes claim to both descriptors with the new Z06.

By Shaun Bailey / Photos by Brian Blades

November 11, 2010



PORSCHE 911 TURBO S

MAZDA RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA LAP TIME: 1:40.11



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MAZDA RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA LAP TIME: 1:40.20



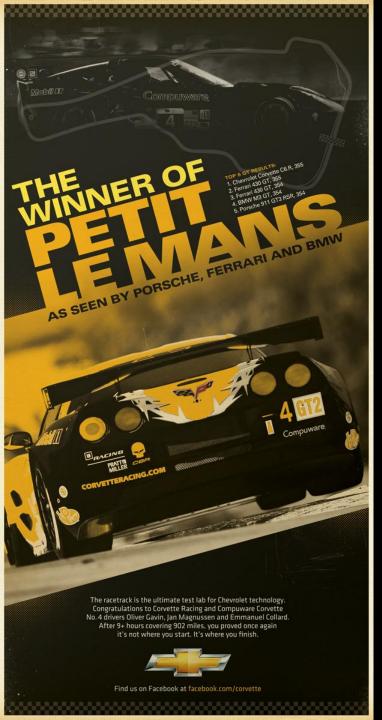
CHEVROLET CORVETTE ZO6

MAZDA RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA LAP TIME: 1:39.29



ASTON MARTIN V12 VANTAGE

MAZDA RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA LAP TIME: 1:43.04







The racetrack is the ultimate test lab for Chevrolet technology.
Congratulations to Corvette Racing and Compuware Corvette
No. 4 drivers Oliver Gavin, Jan Magnussen and Emmanuel Collard.
After 9+ hours covering 902 miles, you proved once again
it's not where you start. It's where you finish.

CORVETTE RACING 2011

MARCH 19 Mobil 1 12 Hours of Sebring 3rd

APRIL 16 ALMS at Long Beach 2nd

JUNE 11-12 24 Heures du Mans, France

JULY 9 Northeast Grand Prix - Lime Rock CT

JULY 31 Grand Prix of Mosport - Bowmanville, ON

AUGUST 6 Mid-Ohio - Lexington, OH

AUGUST 20 Road America - Elkhart Lake, WI

SEPTERMBER 3 Baltimore Grand Prix – Baltimore, MD

SEPTEMBER 17 Laguna Seca – Monterey, CA

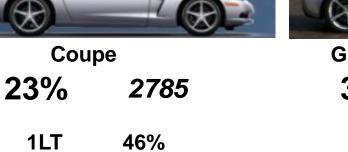
OCTOBER 1 Road Atlanta / Petit Le Mans - Braselton, GA



US 2011 CALENDAR YEAR DELIVERIES		2011 CY	2010 CY	% +/- 11 vs 10		
_	Lux Sport Segment Ranking		Jan-Mar			
	Corv	vette	volume	2,839	2,433	16.7%
7			% of segment	28.4%	26.4%	
		911	volume	1,450	1,457	-0.5%
2			% of segment	14.5%	15.8%	
		Z 4	volume	584	837	-30.2%
3			% of segment	5.8%	9.1%	
_		SL	volume	545	591	-7.8%
4			% of segment	5.5%	6.4%	
_		SLK	volume	541	396	36.6%
5			% of segment	5.4%	4.3%	
	Box	xster	volume	499	403	23.8%
6			% of segment	5.0%	4.4%	
_	Alexa (a)	TT	volume	436	347	25.6%
7			% of segment	4.4%	3.8%	
	Fe	rrari	volume	417	289	44.3%
8			% of segment	4.2%	3.1%	
		XK8	volume	359	533	-32.6%
9			% of segment	3.6%	5.8%	
40		GTR	volume	338	225	50.2%
10			% of segment	3.4%	2.4%	
	Total Lux Sport Segn	nent		9,992	9,215	8.4%

2011 Model Year Data April 26 – 12,185 total







Grand Sport Coupe			
38% 4681			
1LT	13%		
2LT	LT 11%		
3LT	69%		
4LT	7 %		



Z06		
6%	760	
1LZ	9%	
2LZ	24%	
3LZ	67%	



17%

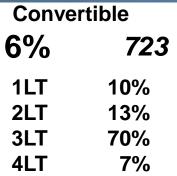
35%

2%

2LT

3LT

4LT





Grand Sport Convertible		
21% <i>2542</i>		
1LT	3%	
2LT	6%	
3LT	74%	
4LT	18%	



694
5%
95%

2011 Model Year Data April 26 – 12,185 total

Exterior	
Black	22%
Torch Red	16%
Crystal Red	11%
Supersonic Blue	10%
Cyber Gray	9%
Arctic White	8%
Blade Silver	7%
Velocity Yellow	6%
Inferno Orange	6%
Jetstream Blue	5%

Interior	
Ebony	52%
Ebony Custom	12%
Cashmere	8%
Cashmere 2-Tone	3%
Cashmere Custom	2%
Titanium Gray	4%
Titanium Gray 2-Tone	10%
Dk Titanium Custom	4%
Red	2%
Red 2-Tone	4%

2011 Model Year Data April 26

Coupe

Exterior	
Black	27%
Torch Red	20%
Crystal Red	9%
Cyber Gray	9%
Blade Silver	9%
Arctic White	8%
Supersonic Blue	7%
Inferno Orange	4%
Velocity Yellow	4%
Jetstream Blue	3%

Convertible

Exterior		
Black	19%	
Torch Red	17%	
Crystal Red	16%	
Arctic White	12%	
Blade Silver	10%	
Velocity Yellow	8%	
Supersonic Blue	7%	
Cyber Gray	4%	
Jetstream Blue	4%	
Inferno Orange	4%	

Grand Sport Coupe

Exterior	
Black	21%
Torch Red	15%
Crystal Red	12%
Cyber Gray	11%
Supersonic Blue	10%
Arctic White	8%
Blade Silver	7%
Velocity Yellow	6%
Inferno Orange	5%
Jetstream Blue	5%

Grand Sport Convertible

Exterior	
Black	21%
Torch Red	18%
Crystal Red	14%
Velocity Yellow	9%
Supersonic Blue	9%
Arctic White	8%
Cyber Gray	7%
Blade Silver	6%
Inferno Orange	5%
Jetstream Blue	4%

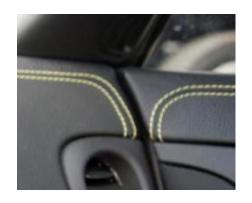
Z06

Exterior	
Supersonic Blue	32%
Inferno Orange	19%
Black	15%
Torch Red	9%
Cyber Gray	8%
Arctic White	4%
Crystal Red	4%
Velocity Yellow	4%
Blade Silver	3%
Jetstream Blue	3%

ZR1

Exterior	
Black	18%
Torch Red	13%
Cyber Gray	13%
Supersonic Blue	13%
Arctic White	10%
Crystal Red	8%
Jetstream Blue	8%
Blade Silver	6%
Velocity Yellow	6%
Inferno Orange	6%

2011 Model Year Data - April 26



36S Yellow 1% 37S Blue 1% 38S Red 1%



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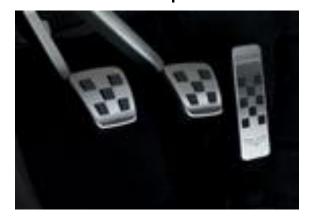


ERI 10%



H33 Cyber Gray 2% H34 Blade Silver 1% H35 Black 3%

2011 Top Genuine Corvette Accessories LPO - Model Year Data



VEB 5%



VLN 10% Convertible



5V5 10%

2011 Model Year Data April 26 – Coupe/Convertibe



CC3 17% C2L 9% (DUAL)



MX0 74% / 86%



F55 w/J55 9% / 24%



Black

Beige Top Top 73% 20% **Gray Top Blue Top** 6% 1%



U3U 20% / 45%



NPP 35% / 42%



J55 8% / 10%



Comp Gray QX1 5% / 1% **Machine Face** RQ1 8% / 4% Chrome QX3 51% / 71%

2011 Model Year Data April 26— Grand Sport Coupe/Convertible



CC3 20% C2L 17% (DUAL ROOF)



MX0 68% / 74%



F55 22% / 34%



Black Top Beige Top 74% 16% Gray Top Blue Top

Gray Top Blue Top 8% 1%



U3U 50% / 70%



NPP 75% / 78%

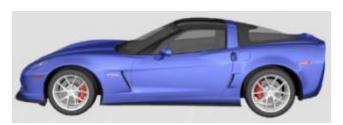


Z15 23% / 30%



Comp Gray PYD 12% / 6% Chrome PYE 72% / 85%

2011 Model Year Data April 26 – Z06 and ZR1



CFZ 61%



Z07 63%



Z06 Comp Gray Chrome

Q44 7% Q8A 24%



ULZ 28%



U3U 70%



ZR1 Comp Gray Chrome

Q6J 10% Q6B 84%



Corvette Racing Technology Tour

- Objectives
 - Bring Corvette lifestyle and rich history to life
 - Exploit technology/performance
- Target events races, enthusiast events, Dealers/Region
- Elements include:
 - C6.R / race engine
 - ZR1 cut-away chassis
 - Interactive technology display
 - Accessories
 - History of Corvette Racing
 - Green screen photo op

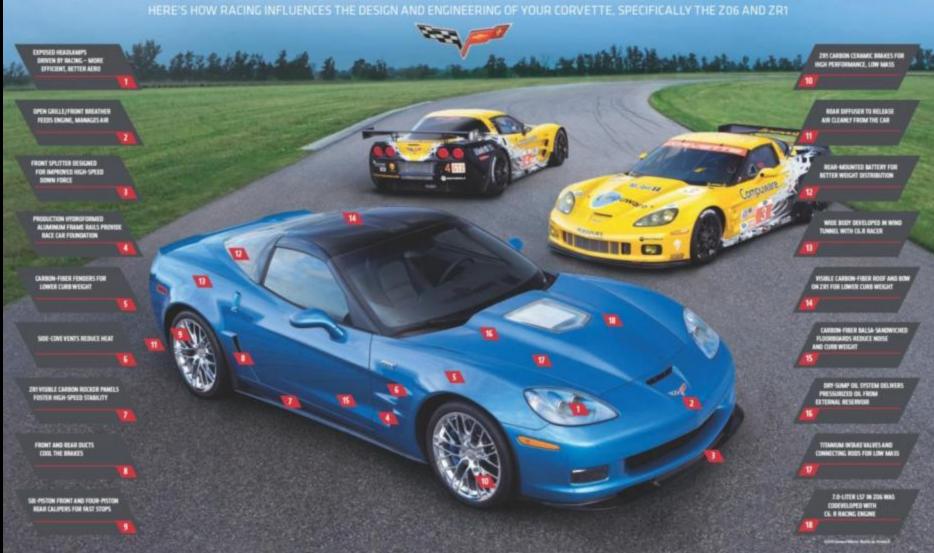








RACING TO MAKE YOU A BETTER CORVETTE





Jake Edition Concept



Grand Sport – Genuine Corvette Accessories









CORVETTE ACCESSORY WHEEL CENTERS

CHROME







COMP GREY







SILVER







BLACK





New GCA Wheel - Torque 2

Grand Sport and Z06 wheel size Sterling Silver Paint or Chrome









New Full Length Racing Stripe

Versions for all models
- Blue
- White
- Black Metallic



2011 Corvette Mid Year News

Z06 Carbon Edition (ULZ)

- Includes Z07 and CFZ packages above plus raised carbon fiber hood replaces roof
- Black wheels, mirrors, and headlamps / Body color door handles
- 2 new colors only with Suede interior with body color stitching and special badging
- Combines ZR1 chassis with lightweight and balance of naturally aspirated Z06



Increased Personalization choices

- New custom color stitching option (Blue, Red, Yellow)
- New Blue Convertible Top

Other updates

Battery Maintainer option







2012 Corvette News

Chevrolet Centennial Edition

- Available on all Corvette models
 - Coupe, Convertible, and Grand Sport with 3LT or 4LT / Z06 with 3LZ / ZR1 with 3ZR
 - Carbon Flash Metallic with satin Black Graphics and special 100th badges:
 - Satin Black wheels red stripes on coupe, convertible, Z06 and ZR1
 - Black fender badges on Grand Sport
 - Magnetic Selective Ride Control on all with red brake calipers
 - Ebony leather with suede accents and red stitching on seats, trim plate, steering wheel, and shofter
 - Embossed seat logos and special steering wheel badge
 - Ebony Leather wrapped instrument panel and doors with red stitching on 4LT, 3LZ, and 3ZR

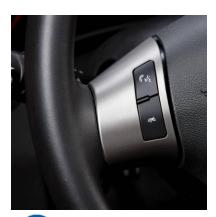
Z06 and ZR1 Performance Packages

- Z06 F55 Z07 B92
 - F55 Magnetic selective ride control includes PTM, Michelin PS2 tires and black cup style wheels
 - Z07 Performance Package includes F55 content plus Brembo Ceramic Brakes and new Michelin PS Cup tires
 - B92 Carbon Fiber Hood option
- ZR1 PDE ME2
 - PDE includes Michelin PS Cup tires, black cup style wheels, and MH3 close ratio transmission.

Interior and other upgrades

- 2LT Technology Package: HUD, Bose audio, Navigation radio with USB, Blue tooth phone connection, 1 year XM
- New steering wheel design with model specific badges
- Seat upgrades updated design, suede inserts for 4LT/3LZ/3ZR, new seat latch
- Bose upgrades 9 speaker system, new enhanced sub woofers
- Padded center console and armrests for all models
- New Brake Caliper color options: red, yellow, silver, gray. (available on all cross drilled brake packages)
- New Carlisle Blue Metallic

2012 Corvette 2LT Technology Package



Bluetooth Phone Connection



Head Up Display



Navigation Radio



USB Port and Input Jack in Console



2012 Interior Enhancements – (Centennial Edition shown)



2012 Steering Wheel design development



Design Objectives

- •Enhanced rim section.
- •Add 10 & 2 o'clock grips.
- •Improved appearance and quality of switch bezels.
- •New model specific badges



New 2012 Corvette Steering Wheel

Model Specific Badges Wrapped Leather Spokes



