

MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Would you please tell me what the correct weatherstrip is for the trunk on my 1959 Vette? One time I am told that the round hollow tubular style is correct and the next time I am told that the solid and somewhat triangular-shaped style is correct.

Also, after ordering this weatherstrip from different suppliers and specifying a 1959 car, I was sent both kinds. This has been the case for the deck lid weatherstrip as well, What is correct?

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The triangular design is the original 1st design. The round hollow is the 2nd replacement design.

The newsletter is great. I have learned a tremendous amount of information about restoring my '54.

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What Is A Corvette Owner's Pin

By Tony Avedisian

About 18 months ago I was at a car show in Carlisle, PA and was looking at literature and other miscellaneous items when a pin caught my eye. The pin had the words Chevrolet Corvette Owner on it and immediately I was interested. I asked the vendor what it was and how much it cost. He replied it is a pin you could get from General Motors when you purchased a new car and the cost was \$275.00. I was shocked at the price but found myself obsessed with the thought of having something that came with my car to the original purchaser. Anything that would let me display I was the owner of a Corvette or an old Corvette memorabilia item was appealing and unique to have.

I decided to try to find out if anyone had reproduced the pin. What I found was a vendor who had made a similar pin but not exact. It was larger than the original pin and not the same quality. I feel that if you're going to reproduce the pin it must be exact in every aspect; that's what Corvette owners want.

The big question that everyone wants answered is how did one get an owner's pin? From 1956 through 1968, the owner of a Corvette could send in the coupon found in their owner's manual requesting a Corevette Owner's Kit. The kit included a Corvette Owner's card with their name and vehicle identification number, a patch which said Chevrolet Corvette and a Corvette Owner's Pin.

OIL PAN CORRECTION

In Volume 1, Number 4 I gave oil pan no. 3735640 as Corvette but this is for a car. Oil pan no. 359937 is the part number given by G.M. today which is the second design pan call for by G.M. for the '56-'57 Corvette. This pan does not look the same as the original first design. The 359937 is a '57 and up original-looking first design. This pan is smooth with no recess areas on the bottom sides.

I understand G.M. also does service the 359937 pan for '57 and up Vettes. Thank you, Rob Pederson of Forest, Virginia, for catching this numbering mistake.



The original pin is about the size of a tack and made of gold plating. The pin was a 1956-1957 emblem with the words owner indented at the bottom (see photo). The clasp is a pinch style with two raised dots on four sides of the circle. The kit was delivered in a variety of ways; one was in an envelope with the pin pierced through a piece of cardboard, the owner's card held by the four corners and the patch stuck on. I have also seen the pin in a plastic container about 1"x1"x1/2" with black or blue foam holding it in place.

The reproduction which I make takes eight hours to cast, paint and buff. The pin is 14k gold and is an EXACT copy. The reason for making it out of 14k gold is after wearing it you do not have to worry about the gold wearing off - it looks great all the time. I have cast the pin and stem together to give added strength. The clasp is an exact copy of the original and fits tightly so the pin will not fall off when wearing it. This pin is licensed and made with the cooperation of General Motors. The above history was obtained partly from G.M. and through various owners and vendors. For further details, call or write me:

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