

## PROJECT 58

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I read Tony Catalano's article, on page 2, Vol. 5, No. 4, STRAIGHT TALK, with great respect.

I too, had the same experience while working on our 1958 while installing the top fender molding.

Our 1958 did not have enough space between the top of the metal bracket and the fiberglass fender for my fingers either. We have the 1st design aluminum bracket (photo #4 in Tony's article) but no small holes that correspond to the location of the studs from the bottom side. To help locate, I drilled a pilot hole from the top down. I drilled a 9/16" hole from the bottom to enlarge the hole to accommodate a speed nut and wrench. While I was drilling up from the bottom I placed a 1/4" scrap of plywood to protect the fender when the drill went through the aluminum bracket.

I had plenty of room to work because the Vette was completely stripped out anyway. If all the dash and related parts are in place you probably will not have enough room to do as I did.

Little did I realize GM made the same running change in 1959 when they went to the metal bracket. See photo #5 on page 4, in Tony's article.

Thank you for the great article. The sharing of information is one of the best things about SACE membership.



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### REPLICA (Reproduction) TACHOMETER

Approximately one year ago, a personal friend of mine suggested that I should consider building the tachometers. Being involved with metal fabrication, the formed housing appeared to be a challenge, and a very interesting product. After doing some preliminary research, I took the plunge into this project. I soon learned that this was no simple task, however, one year later, I feel that the mountain has finally been climbed.

Listed below is a brief summary on the basics of this program.

**Models** - 16 Varieties from 1953 through 1962.

**Main Housings**

1953-1957 - First style with the mounting brackets forward flat side mounted upward.

1958-1962 - Second style with the mounting bracket on back side with flat side of housing mounted downward.

**Outer Retainer**

1953-1962 - Same on all models, used for mounting the bezel to the housing.

**Tachometer Faces**

1953-1958 Low (Red Line) - First style with REV counter.

1958 High (Red Line) - Second style without REV counter.

1959-1962 - New design of metal formed faces with a different silk screened surface to suit the different years and red line specifications (8 Various Styles).

**Inside Lens Retainers**

1953-1958 - Style #1 - Held lens in convex position.

1959-1962 - Style #2 - Held lens in concave position.

**Tachometer Pointers**

1953-1958 - Style #1 - Small body with white tip.

1959-1962 - Style #2 - Large body with green pointer.

All of the above items are manufactured in Bensenville IL by Repro Parts. The outer chrome bezel and clear lens is purchased from another supplier. All of the internal functional parts are purchased from AC-DELCO. These units are assembled and calibrated to original GM specifications.

As any one can see, this program suddenly became a lot larger than I originally expected. As a fellow Corvette owner, I also felt that the pricing of these units must be realistic. We at Repro Parts feel that this has been accomplished without sacrificing any of the quality.

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## Authentic Replica Tachometers

RPI 200591	1959	5500 Red Line	Generator Drive	List - \$350.00
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RPI 200593	1959	6500 Red Line	Distributor Drive	List - \$350.00
RPI 200601	1960	5500 Red Line	Generator Drive	List - \$350.00
RPI 200602	1960	6500 Red Line	Generator Drive	List - \$350.00
RPI 200603	1960	6500 Red Line	Distributor Drive	List - \$350.00
RPI 200611	1961	5500 Red Line	Generator Drive	List - \$350.00
RPI 200612	1961	6500 Red Line	Generator Drive	List - \$350.00
RPI 200613	1961	6500 Red Line	Distributor Drive	List - \$350.00
RPI 200621	1962	5500 Red Line	Distributor Drive	List - \$350.00
RPI 200622	1962	6500 Red Line	Distributor Drive	List - \$350.00
RPI 200535	1953 - 1955	0 - 5000 RPM	6 Cyl. Distributor Drive	List - \$450.00
RPI 200567	1955 - 1957	0 - 6000 RPM	Generator Drive	List - \$450.00
RPI 200581	1958	0 - 6000 RPM 5300 Red Line	Generator Drive	List - \$450.00
RPI 200582	1958	0 - 8000 RPM 6500 Red Line	Generator Drive	List - \$450.00
RPI 200583	1958	0 - 8000 RPM 6500 Red Line	Distributor Drive	List - \$450.00

### Also Available:

RPI 200150	1959 - 1962	Tachometer Pointer	List - \$17.50
RPI 200151	1953 - 1958	Tachometer Pointer	List - \$29.50



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## FUEL PUMP

At Spring Carlisle, a 1954 owner insisted that the rare 4132 fuel pump did not exist. He felt that in 1954, the factory simply rotated a 9797 (used in 1953 models).

Photo shows the two parts together.

