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Corvette Stingray: The Seventh Generation Of America's Sports Car



Synopsis

For the Corvette enthusiast, there is no greater source of speculation, pent-up excitement, and anticipation than the pending introduction of a new-generation 'Vette. Since unveiling the original American sports car in 1953, GM has upped the ante with each successive model and along the way, the Corvette has evolved from 6-cylinder boulevard cruiser to street racer to Le Mans winner to world-class sports car. Sixty years of constant refinement have ensured that the next-generation Corvette will give its global competitors a strong run for their money. For the making of Corvette Stingray: The Seventh Generation of America's Sports Car, GM granted author Larry Edsall exclusive access to engineers, designers, and other Corvette team members, as well as its own photographic archives, to create the complete inside story of this top-notch sports car. The seventh-generation Corvette (C7) again raises the bar, not only for outright performance but also for performance-for-dollar. Capable of running with - and in many cases outclassing - the likes of Ferrari, Porsche, Audi, and other European legends, Chevy's newest Corvette delivers the goods with a new look and even more performance technology. With more than 300 historical and behind-the-scenes photographs that take you as close to the car as you can get without sitting behind the wheel, Corvette Stingray is a must-own book for any serious gearhead--whether you're a long-time 'Vette junkie, a sports car devotee, or simply an admirer of beautiful machines.

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If you think that Corvette Stingray by Larry Edsall will be a fascinating introspection on the inner workings of GM, how the C7 project was in constant peril, and lots of internal conflict between

designers, engineers, and brass, you won't find it in this book. This book has nowhere near the politics of All Corvettes are Red. It's more of a happy-happy joy-joy book about the seventh generation Corvette. Think of it as a nearly two hundred page sales brochure. If, on the other hand, you're looking for a slick, comprehensively detailed chronology of the research, development, testing, introduction and production of America's finest automobile, look no further than Corvette Stingray. I completely skipped over the first chapter: A Brief History of the Chevrolet Corvette, as I'm sure it was just a rehash of the 25+ books I already possess on the Corvette. But then the book gets into the real heart of the all new C7 with separate chapters covering the exterior and interior designs, special engineering, the new small block engine, the testing, production, and the actual driving of the beast. The pages are of heavy construction (I was constantly checking to see if I had turned two pages at a time.) The photos and illustrations are of very high quality – many of which were studio grade along with a host of candid shots in the factory and outside. Unlike many of the Corvette books I own, the photos actually followed the text. Most others in my collection had pictures having nothing to do with what was described on the page. Plus this book doesn't have mini-biographies, histories and other stories intermingled as filler material as is common in other Corvette literature – it was C7 and all C7. It flowed very well from chapter to chapter.

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