

Larry Richter was kind enough to hand this document out during a Tech Session presented at the SACC Convention in 2005. As you can see, the listing had been published in the *On Solid Ground* at some point prior to that. Unfortunately, most salvage yards have processed their old '50 series cars and those that still have any such cars on hand – the carcasses have been pretty well picked over. However, this listing might be of some benefit to someone looking for that illusive part. Ron Dill.

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Interchange Parts For Your 53 to 62 Corvette

by Larry Richter

Several years ago I started scavenging wrecking yards and observing parts that were interchangeable and totally correct for our early Corvettes. The wrecking yard is a great place to find early Corvette parts, and for some of us it's kind of fun getting into the old cars and scrounging around in the rust, oil, and dirt. I have compiled the following list of parts for Corvettes that can be found on other cars. The list is by no means complete and does not include many of the internal engine and mechanical parts that are interchangeable.

CORVETTE PART

SAME PART ON THIS CAR

Power Window Motor:

1956 Corvette

1956 Chevrolet passenger car.

1957-58 Corvette

1957 to 1959 GM passenger motors.

Horns:

1956 Corvette

1956 Chevrolet passenger car horn.

1957 Corvette

1961 Chev. pass. car. - Placement on Corvette is right horn on left, left horn on right.

1958-60 Corvette

Same as above + rotate bracket 180 degrees.

Windshield Washer Nozzles:

1953-62 Corvette

Any early 50s Chevrolet or GMC truck.

Clock: 1958-62 Corvette

Any 1955-56 Bel Air clock.

Wheels: 1956-62 Corvette

1955-56 passenger car wheels (Must be welded, not riveted.)

Door Handles: 1956-62 Corvette

1955-56 passenger door handles with the thin bottom part of the handle.

Door Latches: 1956-62 Corvette

Any GM 1955-56 2 door car.

Door Hinges: 1956-62 Corvette

Both left and right, 1955-57 2 door or hardtop passenger car.

Outside Door Lock: 1956-62

1955-57 passenger car door locks.

Outside trunk lock: 1953-62

Most 1952-58 GM cars.

Y-50 Mirror: 1953-62

1950 Cadillac (Right side) Possibly Buick.

Wonderbar Radio: 1956

1956 car wonderbar radio. There is a slight difference in the power pack unit, car has P.P. lead on left going over radio, Corvette is on right.

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Wonderbar radio: 1957

1957 car Wonderbar radio.

Radio knobs: 1956-57

1956 car headlight knob. (Take shaft off)

1953-55

1953 Buick - Chrome back knobs.

Dash knobs: 1953-55

1953-54 passenger car (Same, but black. Must be painted white.)

1956-57

1956 passenger car knobs.

Heater Control: 1953-55

1953 Oldsmobile (Change the knob)

Rear license plate bracket: 1956-57

1955-56 passenger car trunk bracket.

Rear Trunk Latch Cover

1955-56 passenger car.

Door Glass: 1956-62

Must be cut, but originals have the correct logo. (watch date codes.)

Red Top Washer Container:

1957 (1st design)

All 1958 cars that used a foot operated pump with raised bar on top.

Windshield Washer:

1958-62 Control Unit

Most 1950s GM cars. Early 1958s may have used the glass jar, on the later cars you must change the top.

Wiper Blades: 1953-55

1956-57 car using the electric wiper motor.

Interior Door (window) parts

1956-57 car parts. (Must rework main arm.)

Head Lights: 1953-62

All 1950s, early 60s GM cars.

Bolts, nuts, fasteners

GM cars and pickups. Remember the pickup plant was also in St. Louis.

Emergency Brake Flasher Switch

1955-57 car.

Brown Courtesy Light Buttons

All early 1959 GM cars.

Waffle Pattern Upholstery: 1956-57

1955 Nomad

Rear Spring Plates: 1958-62

1955-57 car. On 1960-62 Corvette, you will need to drill a hole for the sway bracket.

Turn Signal Housing Cone: 1953-57

All 1953-54 cars.