



Tech Talk



Ceramic Brake Pads

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I'm at that point I want to put brakes on my C-5. I have ceramic brake pads on my other Vettes and they work great with little dust. I have to decide whether I want pads or, rotors and pads. I will either buy from GM or I will go through a company called "Brake Motive". I have some prices and part numbers. The pads should fit all C-5's and regular C-6's. They won't fit Grand Sports, Z06's, or ZR1's. Brake Motive does have ceramic pads for Grand Sports and Z06's. GM does not have ceramic pads for the Grand Sport or Z06.

I bought brake pads for my Z06 through Brake Motive. I wanted low dust brake pads a good price. My friends all were buying "Hawks" but they are expensive; so, I took a chance. The cost was \$105.00 for both front and rear; not bad. They have worked great with low dust and no noise. I couldn't be happier.

I have also bought ceramic brake pads through GM. These pads work fantastic with hardly any dust. The little dust there is has no white color. Not gray, or black like most pads. These are my favorite I have to admit.

I'm also going to paint my calipers red. Duplicate-Color ceramic caliper paint is what I will use. This paint works great if you put on 3-coats and let it dry between coats. Don't use the other products that come with the paint. Buy your own brush and brake clean. Scrape the paint off the letters with a razor blade.

Here are some part numbers and prices:

Brakemotive@gmail.com

855-556-8103

877-4779320

Front rotors. \$106.00

Rear rotors. \$115.00

Ceramic pads. \$ 90.00

GM ceramic pads and rotors

Gmpartshouse.com

Gene Culley

484.949.2099

Rotors. \$256.80

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Ceramic Brake Pads. \$123.05

88909667. Front pads

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