



Tech Talk



Suggested Tool List for working on your Corvette

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I realize some of you are very experienced at working on your Corvette. I have aimed this article at the novice. I was thinking of maintaining C-4 and newer Corvettes specifically.

I have tried to put together a list of tools that you might need, to work on your Corvette. The type of tools we needed until the 1970's was different than the 1980's. Metric fasteners changed everything. The old 9/16 wrench is almost worthless on late model cars.

Here is a list of common tools and sizes you might want:

- 3/8 drive metric socket sizes 6mm – 19mm
- ½ drive 15mm, 18mm and ¾ inch deep socket
- 3/8 and ½ inch ratchets and extensions
- Metric wrenches sizes 6mm – 19mm
- Metric Allen wrenches
- Metric Torx wrenches
- Air pressure and tire depth gauges
- Knives
- Screwdrivers
- Assorted pliers
- Flashlight

This should be a good start for those of you who want to start a minor project or maintain your Corvette. I once bought a 10mm ratchet wrench to adjust my ride higher on my C-5Z. I have used it since. I have left in the middle of a job just to

buy a socket, metric Allen wrench, metric torx screwdriver or some specific tool.
As you do more work you will find out what tools you need.