



Tech Talk



C-6 Exhaust Sound Options

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Starting in 2006 the ZO6 had an exhaust with valves incorporated into it. If you look at the tailpipes you can see the valves on top of the pipes. The idea was under normal driving the valves were closed for quiet exhaust. If you accelerated quickly into higher RPM the exhaust got louder as the valves opened. The factory called this NPP or bi-mode exhaust. This exhaust became an option in 2008 on all regular Corvettes. It was also on ZR1's and the 427 convertibles.

Then Top-Flight Reproductions came out with Mild2Wild. The idea was to use a remote switch to open or close the valves. This was perfect for people like me. My wife likes the car quiet and I like it loud. With the touch of a button I can change the sound. It's a very easy install:

- Access the fuse block under the passenger floorboard
- Remove a fuse and install a fuse tap connected to the control box of the Mild2Wild
- Remove a 7mm screw to connect a ground wire and you are done

For those that want this system but don't have bi-mode exhaust you can buy the NPP mufflers from Chevrolet and the NPP in a Box with E-Z Tap from Top Flight. If you want a similar system but you want a louder sound and mufflers that shine B&B exhaust has the B&B Fusions. They are polished stainless steel and work similar to Mild2Wild.

Of course, there are all kinds of exhaust systems available for the Corvette without valves. Searching for the right system is another story.