



Tech Talk



Corvette Battery's

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I have ran into several battery related problems on the late model Corvettes. The C-6 is more voltage sensitive than the C-5 for example. The newer cars are more computer voltage sensitive. The longer they sit, the worse the situation. Even with a trickle charger or battery tender, it can still be a problem. If you don't drive your car daily, it should be charged with a 10-amp charger every few weeks. Keep the voltage up or electrical issues seem to follow. Every 5-years the battery should be replaced.

I have owned several Vettes and, where and how to change the battery varies greatly. My C-3's were located behind the driver's seat. The C-4 is located behind the left fender. The C-5 and most C-6's are under the hood. Some C-6's and C-7's, I believe, are located in the right rear corner. You may need a battery puller to remove. I did on my Z06. It was difficult to remove. And remember, remove the negative cable first and install the negative cable last.

Everyone has a battery preference. It's like deciding what type of oil to use or brand of tires to run. There is no right answer. Buy what you want. If you want an original appearing battery like AC Delco, buy it.