

1956 Sebring Race Car



Number 7, one of the five 1956 Corvettes to race at Sebring in 1956. Four were special factory prepared race models, while this one was actually a production model. If you read Mr. Noland Adams book "*Corvette American Legends: 1956 Racing Success*" you understand that this was a significant year in establishing Corvette as a serious contender in domestic racing events.



Note the tonneau cover over the passengers seat.



Note the tall "light house" shaped lamp to illuminate the entry number 7 for night racing at the 12 Hours of Sebring. It's a 49-50 Chevy license lamp.



Note large fuel filler in the center of the deck lid.



No need for a trunk lock cylinder with the leather hold down strap.



Note the exhaust pipe dump in front of the rear wheels and the scoop for brake cooling.



Another view of the exhaust, scoop and the Halibrand KO's.



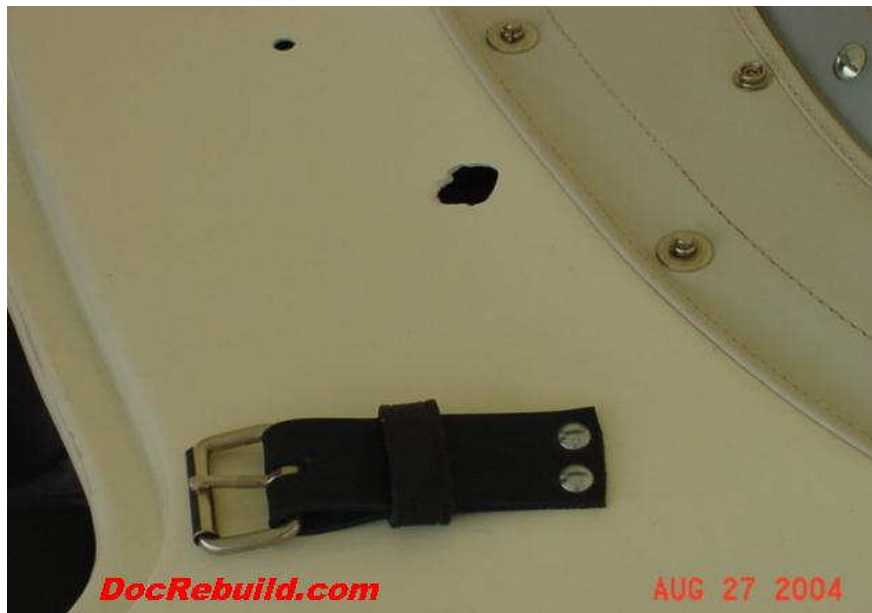
Note the plexiglass wind screen, Guide Y50 mirror and hood leather strap.



Note the tonneau cover with compartment divider and the snap on covering over the former door glass window slots.



Black leather belts for extra hood security on the hood.



Note the buckle end of the Black leather belts and the hole from the absent windshield wiper transmissions.



Note the typical dual quad air cleaners and washer bag - that is being used as a radiator recovery tank.



Note the Red and Orange marker lamps on the right front fender with the painted head lamp rims. Each of the 4 Sebring entries had different colored lights for night time identification. The owner told me one Sebring Corvette entrant had 2 red, another 2 orange and the other 2 swapped the red and orange positions to alert the the pit crews which one was entering the pits at night.



I guess this would qualify as a heater block off plate and a wiper delete plate too. After I posted this picture, the owner John Neas sent me the following 8x10 glossy from 1956 showing 3 men making modifications at Sebring and those 2 block off plates are dead-on as shown in both picture.



This #7 Sebring entrant was production number 009 and prior to its race debut had the 1956 small heater. Thanks for the information John.



Note the extra lamps for night driving.