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## 2020 Corvette Stingray

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THE 2020 CHEVROLET CORVETTE STINGRAY has truly taken the sportscar world by storm, boasting blitzing speed, supercar looks, and most radical of all, a mid-engine layout. The American icon has been completely reimagined, with just a single part being carried over from the model's outgoing generation.

Most notable about this new car is the engine, or more precisely, its location. It's no longer up-front, but rather placed low behind the passenger compartment. It's visible through a large, vented glass hatch.

A thumping V8 is retained but all-new, capable of 495 horsepower and 470 lb-ft of torque. It's paired to Chevrolet's first eight speed dual-clutch transmission. When equipped with the Z51 Performance Package (which adds performance exhaust), the combination delivers a 0-60 time of under three seconds.


The new Vette handles remarkably, thanks to a lower center of gravity, an improved steering ratio, and an updated electronic steering system. The front suspension features a neat trick, being able to raise nearly two inches in just 2.8 seconds at up to 24 mph. It can be programmed to work automatically through GPS to remember up to 1,000 locations. That way, drivers can mark low spots in their regular journeys such as potholes or steep driveways.

Customers are sure to get just the bespoke 'Vette they want as this new version offers the most personalization options ever found on a Corvette.



The vehicle's driver-focused, canopy-forward stance draws inspiration from fighter planes and Formula One racecars.

There are 12 exterior paint colors (including three all-new colors) to choose from, along with six interior color themes, six seat belt colors, three seat choices, and two optional stitch patterns. Luggage-conscious shoppers will also like the Corvette's dual storage locations, a new one up front, as well as the trunk in the rear.

While so much has changed, some things remain the same. The sportscar, which starts under \$60,000, will continue to be built in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and will continue to captivate the hearts of driving enthusiasts everywhere. 



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