

CHEVROLET CORVETTE L89 - 1968



Brand:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chevrolet
Model :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corvette
Type :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L89
Year :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1968
Body :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabriolet
Gearbox :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 speed
Cubic capacity :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 998 cm3 / 427 ci
Exterior color :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red
Interior color :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black
Driving side :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left
Documentation :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> France



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Presentation

This L89 version, produced in 624 examples in 1968, is a genuine rarity! The car was first produced in a road configuration and modified for competition in 1972. It has a long racing history, taking part in the Mod Sports series in England in the 1970s. Today this car is powered by an unstamped 1966 replacement engine. Accompanied by an extensive history file that includes numerous period racing photos, this unique Corvette is ready to be enjoyed on either road or track by its next caretaker.

The history of the L89 Corvette

The third generation Chevrolet Corvette debuted in 1968. The C3, as it's commonly called, was offered in either coupe or convertible body styles with several available engine configurations. One of the more desirable options for 1968 was the L89 option code. This led to what's arguably one of the most balanced engines for this era of Corvette, with the L71 block receiving lightweight aluminum cylinder heads. This "big-block" option was factory rated at an impressive 435 horsepower.

Race history

This 1968 model left the factory as an L89 example, one of only 624 built for 1968. As with many of these cars it was later converted from road car to a race car. This example was imported from Culver City, California to England to race in the British modified sports car series, "Mod Sports". Rhoddy Harvey-Bailey would campaign the car for a single season in 1972, taking the lap record and winning in the Corvette's first race at Croft Circuit in Yorkshire. The driver would go on to record five more wins and three 2nd places across the rest of the season. Evidence of the car's race history are still visible today with its race number and bucket seats with multi-point harnesses on show.