

Report on C8 Front Wheel Drive Hybrid

(1st Written/Posted December 2019. This Revision June 2023) (Continually Revised Including After E-Ray Reveal & Bash) (Includes Why E-Ray Development Started with the C8 in ~2012/2013)

History of C8 Hybrid (First Semi Formal, Leak)



Early information about a probable FWD C8 Hybrid was in a February 2019 published interview with Andy Pilgrim (pic left) in "*Corvette Online*" by Andy Bolig.

Andy Pilgrim based at National Corvette Museum was conducting safety driving habits at schools. Andy's professional racing started in 1996 when he made his 24 Hours of Le Mans debut. He raced for the Chevrolet Corvette factory team from 1999 to 2004.

In the interview, he discusses the C8 suspension setup

saying, it's quite complicated to eliminate oversteer with a rear heavy car. But the Chevy engineers have achieved that objective. It will be a better handling vehicle and have much greater potential for a quick race car.

Not prompted by the interviewer, he made this statement as an ME benefit, *"Now you've got the room to put alternate power up front."*

The Hybrid, AWD C8 Corvette

An article written by Bozi Tatarevic in Jalopnik late November 2019 could be a "controlled leak by GM!" It states it's from "official documents" and has very specific details that probably came from someone who knows them- OR was it *"leaked"* by GM similar to Pilgrim's info, which was coincidence?

IMO the E-Ray "Performance Hybrid" with the LT2 engine was started in 2012/2013, same time as the C8 for a main reason - long term, to significantly improve mpg. The Jalopnik article also stated *a hybrid would be in the standard C8!* It would probably have to be in a slightly different configuration more like a Prius type hybrid. *Why?* Because the 2012 EPA Published Plan and Press Release outlined the requirement of having the "Corvette Family" progressively improve mpg starting in 2017 and achieve ~39 mpg by 2025. That plan was put on hold by a "PEN" January 2017. There is another "PEN now that in April 2022 quietly announced a reinstatement of requiring higher mpg but with limited details. Details of the original 1174-page document and what limited details were released in April 2022, are in this report.

In summary, the goal moved from that outline in a 2012 Press Release, 54.5 mpg for the "average car and light truck" in 2025 to an "average" 49 mpg in 2026. The prior plan had details presented in a 1174-page report (*which I read and is on the Net.*) *There are a few details for the 2022 new plan.* Will it be by car "family" as before? We don't know. Also, those in charge in DC are saying ONLY ZERO FOSSIL FUELS will do. *That is where the Government and GM are heading!*

Photo Sequence



The detail of the front spindle and coilover was also leaked in words and this pic (less my added yellow axle!)

Quoting the article, "Although it was readily apparent that there was a spot for the axle shafts, it wasn't clear how they would get there as the coilover/damper was in the way. The coilover bottom mount has been replaced by a split yoke where essentially a forked mounting left a space in the middle for the axle."



This pic shows an item "leaked" in the November article and in the accompanying sketch. The battery location.

It is NOT the GM Ultium battery designed for EVs. It is a small, 1.9 kWh battery capable of very fast withdrawal and charging. NOT storage capacity. As leaked, it's in the center tunnel. It's like an F1 battery, some refer to it "more like a slow charging capacitor!" It used Pouch Cells for their light weight and high energy density, weighs <100 lbs (some quote 80 lbs.)



The Following Pics and Comments from GM 1/17/2023, E-Ray Reveal And Video After Bash May 1.

This is an actual pic supporting the words in the leaked article November 2019. Can see how the front axle goes through a split lower yoke on the coilover bottom. Pic from a video Interview of Mike Kutcher E-Ray Lead Vehicle Development Engineer



The electric motor is 160 hp, more than predicted! It weighs 80 lbs and takes almost no room away from the Frunk!

It and the battery are made by LG Energy, GM's Ultium partner. The Ultium battery is Lithium-ion with nickel-manganese-cobaltaluminum. It reduces expensive cobalt by ~70 percent. The aluminum helps prevent lithium spike formation during fast charging, which can short-circuit a battery. During a walkaround of the E-Ray cutaway Aaron Link, GM High Performance Chevy Manger noted this vertical cooler for the drive train power supply. The 2019 sketch referred to it as Electronics Cooler.

Tadge in a video said there is coolant for the electric motor that has a magnesium case. It uses aluminum bolts for corrosion and weight reasons. Assume the motor cooling system may be part of the next pic.



The other coolant circuit is for the battery. The leaked report calls it an AC Chiller. That was reinforced at the Bash, it is a chiller. Not sure how it's powered. Probably like Tesla with its hybrid battery. Optimum Battery temp is 100 F not colder or hotter. Assume the cap is for coolant.

Recall Jay Leno showed his Tesla Batteries were in a coolant box. Yep, when delivering 160 hp, batteries do get hot!



Aaron Link said there are three E-Ray coolant systems. pointed out He pictured coolant pump and heat exchanger. He indicated the top $\frac{1}{4}$ of the heat exchanger was for the electronics. Perhaps the bottom $\frac{3}{4}$ is for the motor? Delivering 160 hp of power takes an inverter. As our welding inverters, the power transistors have large heat sinks that must be cooled. We used large fans and air to cool welding power supplies.





This is the pic of the added coolant rad that is also in the C8 Z06. It is in the center between the right and left coolant rads. Note no AC Condenser in front. Have some left over Custom Car Grill Mesh from my C8, will have to use to make a "protector."



Aaron Link said the E-Ray springs are more like Z51 rate, not the stiffer Z06. However, he did say there are some suspension differences with the ZER Performance Option that includes the base C8 Z06 Summer Tires. Perhaps only bushing compliance to match the tires or MRC calibration. After Bash found ZER option, has only Summer tires. It does come with spoiler extensions in trunk. In the Steve Garrett Podcast Tadge Juechter said there are NO difference and unlike the standard C8 where they have the suspension matched to the tires on the base car (and vice versa) in this case it's not a problem. No suspension differences – not needed.	Skidpad Lisa (Summer Field) Skidpad Lisa (Summer Field) Lot of (All-Season Times)
Can see from tread pattern why the extra 10% lateral "g." More tread area on ground. Tire construction and rubber compounds are probably different.	PLOT SPORT ALL SEASON SPORT AS (ZER) Trade of the second state Sport AS (ZER) Sport AS (ZER) Sport AS (ZER) Sport AS (ZER) Sport AS (ZER) Sport AS (ZER) Sport AS (ZER)
	The E-Ray increased weight over the C8 Z06 is 340 lbs., both with Carbon Ceramic brakes. In fact, over the C8 Z51 @ 3,647 lbs it's 3890 lbs only 243 lbs heavier (Both GM #s as curb weight). As typical of early info regarding weight there are various numbers being mentioned. Some from GM a few others. Comparing apples and apples is not easy. When the production models hit the streets expect we'll get better numbers! Dry weight is the same as Curb weight less required fluids.

160 hp Versus Leaked 114 hp - WHY?

The one surprising difference between the leaked November 2019 report is the 160 hp E-Ray electric motor versus the quoted at 114 hp. All were happy, including myself, but then we saw the Hagerty supported Jason Cammisa Video ¹/₄ Mile tests.

The E-Ray beat lighter, Ferrari, Lambo and C8 Z06 times:

Using their #'s

	HP	Weight
C8 Z06	670 HP	3670 lbs
Ferrari F8	710 HP	3650 lbs
Lambo Huracan EVO	602 HP	3674 lbs
E-Ray 49	5+160 HP	3924 lbs

BUT Max Power was only 130 hp at 43 mph. You could observe some hp drop as speed increased. Jason said at the Trap speed of 129 mph it was *"Well Under 100 hp."* WHY?



But Jason Cammisa's Comment About FWD Power Readings

E-Ray Beats Ferrari F8, Lambo Huracan Evo and C8 206 in 1/4

Mile Race BECAUSE of Added Front Wheel Drive Traction

But Jason Cammisa's Comment About FWD Power Readings Where Confusing. Max Power was displayed as ~130 @ 43 mph But Jason Said Well Under 100 hp at Trap Speed of 129 mph Well Under the Max E-Ray Electric Motor Speed at 150 mph



I don't have the answer and Jason's mention of *"the E-Ray front wheels were losing traction because of weight transfer,"* is logical at launch BUT NOT at 43 mph. But he does not actually say that is the reason for max 130 hp measured at 43 mph.

I'm no electric motor expert. BUT these graphs compare torque and HP of typical electric motors with what Tesla published. Tesla and others use:

"Three phase AC, permanent magnet synchronous motors, liquid cooled with variable frequency drive." They have different torque and hp outputs compared to simple electric motors as noted in pics. Torque for Tesla motors starts dropping at ~30% of max rpm. Tesla's lowest power motor dropped from Max ~300 hp @ ~43 mph to ~200 hp at 100 mph, about ~33%. I plotted the E-Ray data from the video in Green. If extrapolated it may drop about the same. Unlike some who saw the video and blamed the battery. It's NOT the battery losing capacity to deliver power in 10 seconds! It appears to be the motor characteristics. The difference from 160 hp to 130 hp shown might be drive train losses?

Lower Pic is only speculation using the Tesla Curves and what is known about the E-Ray motor. It provides some explanation of the low Trap speed power !

The E-Ray motor is rated at 15,000 rpm Max (after that it is disconnected from the front wheels.) It is said to produce 160 hp (120 KW) and 125 ft-lbs of torque (165 Nm) through an 8.16:1 final drive.

Using the Tesla Data as a SWAG; as seen in the top pic, E-Ray Max power was 130 hp at 43 mph on the E-Ray center screen in the Cammisa tests. The test video showed HP dropped off slightly to ~105 mph.

No screen data shown as it reached the $\frac{1}{4}$ mile at 129 mph trap speed. But Jason said it was *"far less than 100 hp."* By these very rough SWAG created numbers, if 160 hp max it would be about 33% less (+/- shotgun range) = !105 hp at trap speed of 129 mph.

As said, this is just a rough idea of why it's lower at 129 mph! It's using Tesla curves so at best and indicator. We'll have to wait for someone to put the front wheels on a dyno to get some actual curves and numbers!





The E-Ray has optional displays that can be placed on the center screen.

This screen displays Electric Motor HP and LT2 HP.

Tadge Juechter said Techies will like this detailed data that can be displayed. Sure hope it's able to be stored and reviewed later. Don't want to be distracted from the only focus with a moving cardriving!

Funny, Tadge said exactly that in a post about the eSLD % Slip data. He said don't be looking at this data as you're at a high "g" turn. Focus on the road and driving!





This Link to a publised Press Release in 2012 by the EPA is based on a NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) 1174-page report. It states by planned requirement, starting with inceases in 2017 the avearge car and light truck would get 54.5 mpg by 2025! The report shows 2 seat sports cars, like the Corvette, would "ON AVERAGE" of all Vettes sold, achieve ~39 mpg by 2025: <u>https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press- office/2012/08/28/obama-administration-finalizes- historic-545-MPG-fuel-efficiency-standard</u> This is the Press Release Title:	It leases With State Register State Register Final Regulatory Impact Analysis Corporate Average Fuel Economy for MY 2017-MY 2025 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks	
Administration Finalizes Historic 54.5 MPG Fuel Efficiency Standards In 2012 GM, Ferrari, Porsche etc knew what was coming. They had to make plans.	Office of Regulatory Analysis and Evaluation National Center for Statistics and Analysis August 2012	
In addition to significant extra power and Front Wheel Drive the benefit of a C8 hybrid is the "possibility" to operate like a Prius and gain <i>significantly improved mpg!</i> In addition to software, it would need a bigger and/or different type of battery. That would happen when high mpg was "forced by a government!" All vehicles would be covered and placed in "Families." The 2025 goal for the "Corvette Family" was 39.8 mpg! The method used to define each family requirement, although complex, is very rigorous and logical. When stopped by a PEN January 2017, California tried to implement the plan, but the US government stopped that action in court. Note below the Corvette example is a 500 hp Mustang that only required 31.7 mpg! That is partly due to hp and having 4 seats! Basically "grocery getters" with low hp, seating 4+ that could achieve high mpg would have that goal. Note the Toyota Corolla would have required 60.8 mpg. <i>Companies like Toyota participated in this</i> <i>plan. It was not pie in the sky!</i>	<image/> <image/> <image/> <image/>	



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Still could

Hvbrid:

In a December 13, 2019, Autoline Afterhours interview Tadge stated, they are part of GM and follow Mary Barra's "000 Goal," which includes We see a future zero emissions! He said they follow the World with Zero Crashes, Zero Emissions, Environmental regulations and want to help Zero Congestion "preserve the planet." With the current government in charge, reduced CO₂ emissions is not enough. Only no fossil fuels will do. That is where Mary Barra is taking GM. She took half the Corvette engineers to work on EVs. All GM capital is directed of have only EVs in 2035! Assume a Prius Type E-Ray with LT2 engine can meet ~39 mpg average per above estimates. The progressively higher goals, leaving out low volumes of Z06 and Zora, they could have been: FUEL With standard C8 EPA Average = ~20 mpg Year 1: ~25% Prius E-Ray @ 39 mpg = ~24 mpg ECONOM Year 2: ~50% Prius E-Ray@ 39 mpg = ~30 mpg Year 3: ~75% Prius E-Ray = ~34 mpg **50 MPG** So, in 2026 the current administration goal they 40 MPG could achieve that ~39 mpg. However, the current administration goal of 49 mpg has no details of 30 MPG how measured. IF like the 1174-page report by 20 MPG Car Family, that 49 goal is less than the prior 54.5. Perhaps the Corvette would only be 49/54.5 X 39 = O MPG 35 mpg. ACHIEVABLE. BUT frankly if the government doesn't come off their no fossil fuels. why waste time and money for an interim solution! Have to agree from a business standpoint with what Mary and GM President Mark Reuss said: Hybrids are a waste of time. The figure right is made from recent EPA "average" energy use data. Shutting the Of the 19% That Gets to the Whe 9% is Used to Overcome Aero Brag LT2 off when the car stops can save some of 5% Rolling Resistance 5% is Wasted Braking the ~11% wasted gas energy used. Braking also consumes about 20% of the 5, 5% Drive Train Losse 19% energy that gets to the rear wheels to propel the car. Much of that can be captured and stored to recharge the battery. As seen in the pic right, only 14% of the 5% Accesso ties Loss Only 19% Gets to energy in gasoline is used to propel the car the Wheels to Exhaust Los 29% Engine Heat and Friction Loss forward! F1 race car rules have been Wast Propel the Car designed to achieve higher efficiency and recover some of that wasted gas. They now F1 race cars use about half the fuel energy they did in the past. Refueling is not allowed and overall are not allowed to refuel and use hybrid and speeds exceed those in the past on many of the other methods to recover some of that same racetracks! It can be done! wasted energy!



Ferrari introduced the SF90 Stradale hybrid in 2019. Its turbocharged 4.0-liter V8 produces 769 horsepower, and it has an additional 217 hp electric hybrid drive for a total output of 986 hp. The most powerful road-going Ferrari ever produced.

Fuel Economy

The EPA estimates the SF90 will get 18 mpg on only gas and 51 MPGe when running on both gas and battery power.

Ferrari Comments 2023

Possibly 2025 Ferrari 4 Motor EV







Plug-in Ferrari Hybrid SF90 Stradale.

In June 2022 Ferrari said: they will have an EV sports car in 2025 and will be 40% EV's by 2030 and will be 80% electrified at that time. Therefore 40% EVs, 40% hybrids and 20% only ICE Sports Cars.

In May 2023 Ferrari CEO Benedetto Vigna was quoted as saying that the company would be "arrogant" to dictate what customers can buy despite calls for sustainable transportation. Vigna added that Ferrari would continue to resist EVs and instead build ICE cars, building on "an essential part of the company's heritage."

Somewhat cynically, he may be right! They may not be able to sell the 20% ICE only sports cars in the US or Europe BUT no problem selling in China! They are laughing, building new coal fired power plants powering some with US coal!

Porsche Says No Manual Box for Hybrid:

In an article published a few years ago: "Porsche VP and engineer in charge of a hybrid model, Dr. Gernot Döllner, said hybrid and/or electric cars from the brand would only make sense with automatic (or PDK) gearboxes. According to Döllner, they can only be efficient with an advanced automatic gearbox. In a hybrid 911's case, the PDK wouldn't be there to decrease track times, but to increase efficiency."

Note: In February 2020, a forum poster quoted engineers at Porsche's Tech Center saying they planned 50% EV's in 2025. That could have offset non-hybrid models. BUT if US laws require no fossil fuels for new car sales, like California, will have to be all EVs!

Porsche stated their plan to meet their improved 2025 average required high mpg in US (Europe has similar requirements stated at a more logical MAX CO ₂ /km) in a July 2018, headline: <i>Porsche Plans EVs to Account for 50% of Business by 2025</i> The press release also contained some new details about the vehicle as well as Porsche's EV strategy. The company strategy is to electrify 50% of vehicles sold by 2025, or more particularly, total sales. Porsche also specified that among the EVs, they also plan a 50/50 split between battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids. By 2022, they will invest 6 billion euros into the expansion of their EV production.	Fic from July 2018 Press Release of estimated EV Sports car.Like Corvette and Ferrari Porsche will have to rethink their plan as the US and Europe will only allow zero CO2 emissions cars to be sold.Perhaps like Ferrari etc. they will plan on selling ICE engine sports cars to China!
Porsche 2023 White the second	May 15, 2023, Article: "We are stepping up our electric offensive with another model. By the middle of the decade, we want to offer our mid-engine 718 sports car exclusively in an all-electric form," Porsche CEO Oliver Blume said. According to a report from Car and Driver, the 718 EV will be all-new with nothing carrying over from the prior naturally aspirated model. The model will be built on the Volkswagen Group's PPE platform and is expected to be just as well-balanced with the battery being mounted near the firewall where the engine used to reside. Fast-charging is expected, assisted by 900-V electrical architecture. The EV sports car's targeted weight is 3,650 pounds. Car and Driver says expect the base model to be powered be a single motor offering at least 450-horsepower to the rear wheels, with a second motor available later on to drive the front wheels, transforming the 718 into an all-wheel- drive monster.

Don't confuse my discussing improved mpg technology with me being a "Tree Hugger!" Frankly, I'm not! My '34 ProStreet Rod with its 502 cid engine gets ~10 mpg!

BUT I'm all for using technology so as not to waste energy.

I feel like Andy Cowell, managing director of Mercedes High Performance Powertrains,



who said about F1 planning to eliminate MGU-H (Motor Generator Unit, Heat, the energy saving function that used otherwise wasted turbo energy when boost was not needed.) He said HGU-H provided 60% of the electric energy used to power their F1 cars and contributed 5% of the current engine's thermal efficiency.

Quoting:

• MGU-H (Motor Generator Unit, Heat, (HGU-H, the energy recover system that uses turbo power when

MGU+

engine air pressure boost is not needed to operate a generator and can also power the turbine compressor with an electric motor) provides 60% of the electric energy used to power the other part of the energy recovery system and contributes 5% of the current engine's thermal efficiency.



• We'll have to come up (*in 2021 F1 when it's banned, because of complexity of managing for smaller teams and the really "stupid" but understandable reason - it reduces engine sound*) with various systems and devices and that will probably involve burning some fuel through the exhaust, *which doesn't feel the most honorable thing to do as an engineer.*

I feel similar to Andy Cowell. IMO it's better to improve the ICE efficiency, best as possible, before being forced to go to EVs!

This publised article will help some to understand what was going to be US LAW in 2017 and why GM had to plan on achieveing ~39 mpg for the avaerage Corvette by 2025 (*BTW, so did Ferrari, Porsche etc*):

<u>https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2012/08/28/obama-administration-finalizes-</u> <u>historic-545-MPG-fuel-efficiency-standard</u>...... **This is the Article Title:**

Administration Finalizes Historic 54.5 MPG Fuel Efficiency Standards

BTW, Sports Cars have a lower mpg requirement, some small sedans were to require 60 mpg! Here are some clips from the article! It's filled with propaganda stating automakers applaud the concept! They expected some gullible folks to buy that BS. That's until they saw the implications and didn't like the result! Especially most sports car folks!

"Last year, 13 major automakers, which together account for more than 90 percent of all vehicles sold in the United States, announced their support for the new standards. ...

"Simply put, this groundbreaking program will result in vehicles that use less gas, travel farther, and provide more efficiency for consumers than ever before—all while protecting the air we breathe and giving automakers the regulatory certainty to build the cars of the future here in America," ...

"The fuel efficiency standards the administration finalized today are another example of how we protect the environment and strengthen the economy at the same time," said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. Innovation and economic growth are already reinvigorating the auto industry and the thousands of businesses that supply automakers as they create and produce the efficient vehicles of tomorrow. Clean, efficient vehicles are also cutting pollution and saving drivers money at the pump."

Note: Perhaps the C8 "hybrid" with Prius style software (*i.e., in normal cruising ICE only starts at 45 mph forced Stop/Start, etc.*) can achieve high mpg with a smallish battery.

Some key points from a June 2020 article about the new Toyota RAV4 Prime plug-in hybrid with an even smaller 1.6 kWh battery versus the E-Ray 1.9 kWh.

The RAV4 Prim will have an estimated "battery-only" range of 42 miles. It will also be the quickest RAV4, with 302 horsepower and a zero-to-60-mph time of 5.7 seconds. It uses a 2.5-liter inline-four engine mated to a pair of electric motors (one driving the front wheels and another one driving the rear wheels). The electric motors draw energy from a 1.6-kWh nickel-metal hydride battery mounted under the rear seats. Cargo capacity is not affected. Combine that powerplant with the Prime's electric motors, you get a combined 302 horsepower. Not bad for a "green" SUV.

The plug-in RAV4 will have all-wheel drive as standard. It's estimated it will achieve 94 MPGe combined.



This is what's next for the Vette, E-Ray is only interim! Proably will not see the Prius type hybrid. As Mary and GM President Mark Reuss stated, wasted effort.

With the public not convinced EV "grocery getters," SUVs or pick-ups are what they want, even with the government push and subsidies GM needs to create EV excitement.

We'll see just what GM comes up with BUT expect it will be here sooner than needed as a C8 replacement. Mary Barra with her *"only EVs in 2035"* needs young folks who will be buying cars to be putting Posters of sexy, exciting, high performance EV Corvettes on their bedroom wall!



With many Corvettes' spending much time in a garage and used for short trips on weekends, a small capacity battery option could be used for a "Low-Cost Base Model." Pay more and get a longer range, bigger battery C9. GM is investing over 35 Billion dollars in combination with LG Chem to produce a new technology LiNiCoAlO₂ battery. Not brand-new technology but they believe they can reduce or eliminate the costly, limited supply Cobalt that will reduce costs. There is a safety concern, and their solution has not been discussed.

With Mary Barra's commitment to zero emissions assume GM engineers are working on an EV cars and trucks including the next Vette, the C9.



September 9, 2020, Published Report by Zane Merva (condensed):

Electric All-Wheel-Drive Hybrid Coming to the C8 Corvette

It's reported documents have been seen indicating electric all-wheel-drive (eAWD) will be an option on the Stingray coupe and convertible versions as soon as the 2023 model year. The Corvette with eAWD would be a hybrid. *"That's not how Chevy will market it. The feature will most certainly be performance oriented."*

(My Note: Yep, the E-Ray is here for 2024! That is exactly how I said it would be done by GM, Ferrari etc. until a "government" dictates it will not start the ICE until in "normal driving" the electric motor brings the car to cruising speeds by making higher mpg or lower CO₂/km in Europe a legal requirement!)

"We're unsure how eAWD fits into an all-electric C8 Corvette, Speculation has been rampant for years that the C8 Corvette would feature an electric version."

Either way, this is a game-changing move for the mid-engine Corvette, which is already capable of 0-60 times under 3 seconds. Imagine the added torque that would be provided by one or two electric motors providing juice to the front wheels.

"It's entirely possible the eAWD Corvette could move independently of the rear wheels and V8 engine... and in theory travel silently. They could be different cars entirely...or the same feature described by many people."

It speculates it will use GM's Ultium Battery system and would have a plug-in cord for recharging. *That was wrong. E-Ray uses different chemistry Pouch Cells and Execs have said a plug in option would be useless for this small battery that says close to the planned max change range. One GM Exec said if you plugged it in when you pulled into the garage it would be fully charged when you went in the house!*

Mary Barra Announced GM Will Be Spending 35 Billion Through 2025 on	Mary Barra announced GM is accelerating its engineering and capital investments in electric vehicles (EVs) and self-driving technology (AVs) to \$35 billion between 2021 and 2025. GM will focus on zero-emission, battery- electric vehicles (with some share of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles), <i>instead of</i> <i>"partial solutions" like hybrids</i> "electrified" ICE vehicles. "With our engineering and capital investments, we are executing the industry's most comprehensive and fully integrated EV and AV strategy,
Mostly EV and Battery Car and Battery Development and Production. Next Corvette Model, the C9, will be an EV, IMO. Flagship Promoting EV's to Public	underpinned by the Ultium Platform, along with revenue growth opportunities like connected services, HYDROTEC and Super Cruise." Most of the investments will fall on vehicle plants and four battery plants in the US.
<image/>	WASHINGTON December 2021– In a major step to fight climate change, the Biden administration is raising vehicle mileage standards to significantly reduce emissions of planet-warming greenhouse gases, reversing a Trump-era rollback that loosened fuel efficiency standards. A final rule issued Dec. 20 would raise mileage standards starting in the 2023 model year, reaching a projected industry- wide target of 40 miles per gallon by 2026. The new standard is 25% higher than a rule finalized by the Trump administration last year and 5% higher than a proposal by the Environmental Protection Agency in August. "We are setting robust and rigorous standards that will aggressively reduce the pollution that is harming people and our planet – and save families money at the same time," EPA Administrator Michael Regan said. (<i>Regan's probably wearing Mask to hide big smile</i> .) Details to come.

Washington, April 1 st , 2022 49 MPG Fuel-Economy Standard Ordered for Cars by 2026 The Biden administration ordered carmakers to increase their average fuel economy to about 49 mpg by 2026, in an ambitious effort to make up for progress stalled when President Donald Trump rolled back the efficiency program. The new fuel economy rules, issued April 1 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, require carmakers to heighten the fuel efficiency of their fleets by 8% annually for the 2024 and 2025 model years, and 10% for 2026, according to a senior administration official. The agency was facing a March 31 deadline to finalize new rules for the 2024 model year. Biden Laughing as he can now blame Russia and he won't have to raise Federal Gas tax.	Putting the new numbers in perspective: The EPA reported in November 2021 that carmakers achieved an average of 25.4 mpg for vehicles made in 2020.That was 0.5 mpg higher than the 2019 model year and a record high, but a far cry from the 49 mpg by 2026 that President Joe Biden's is now proposing.In real world mpg terms, 39 mpg is what is estimated 49 mpg EPA values will achieve.
Electricity Produced by Coal US CHINA CHINA China Uses 56% Coal and Produces 40% More Electricity as US, Where Coal IS Only 19% of Electric Production India is 3rd Using 72% Coal But Produces Less Than China and US	The Future- Who Knows? My issue with the whole foolish, no fossil fuels for US Cars is it's pissing in the World CO ₂ ocean. Been on three river cruises to China, SE Asia (just before the pandemic) and in 2022 to Eastern Europe. NO WAY can these folks afford EVs. In SE Asia they mainly use cheap high polluting motor scooters that burn gasoline. EVs would be a joke. China and India use coal for a majority of their electric power production and will continue. China is building more coal fired plant all the time. They have coal and will use it! In Europe last year we were at a family home in Croatia. Because of Russian oil and natural gas

In Europe last year we were at a family home in Croatia. Because of Russian oil and natural gas price increases they planned on using wood to heat their home. All their neighbors had wood piled high in their yards! Emission tests show wood produces 2.5 times more CO_2 than natural gas and 30% more than coal. The US is rapidly replacing coal with natural gas for electric power! We're about 20% coal, 40% natural gas and switching to that 50% lower CO_2 generating source!

Motor scooters are the main

means of transportation in many

countries. In Vietnam, 45 million

scooters/ 90 million people. Often

opeating at WOT, no CATs etc they

pollute ~10 times more than new cars! We've toured China and

SE Asia-bad air pollution in cites.

2024 CORVETTE E-RAY

+ Coupe

- PAINT COLOR- Cactl
- RDOF Body Color
- PERFORMANCE/WHEELS
- PACKAGE ZER Performance Package
 BRAKE CALIPERS Edge Red
- ALUMINUM Pearl Nickel

EXTERION
BADGES - Carbon Flash
EXTERIOR - Black Exhaust Tips

TRIM LEVEL
 TRIM-SLZ

INTERIOR COLOR:
 INTERIOR COLOR - Adversione Red Dipper

Ready to get my E-Ray ASAP!

See specs left. The ZER Option is confirmed after the Bash, as only summer tires. No Need for All-Season in NE SC and want the 1.1 lateral "g" versus 1.0 probably mean. Have switched to Artemis interior once actual pics were available.

Had planned on the Ground Effects Option BUT It only includes a CF splitter, not longer side skirts. In our area a CF splitter needs a Lift. There are inexpensive copies for the C8 Z06 made from ABS. Will consider and see what I can add for extended side skirts to stop rocks hitting the rockers.



WA Technology

"60" C8, 2017 Grand Sport & 2014 Z51 Stingray Mods or Info Available As PDFs:



60 PDFs discuss improvements or info about a C8, 2017 Grand Sport, 2014 Z51 Stingray function and/or esthetics. Some are minor and others, like the installing "Low Dust Brake Pads" on C8 & C7s, have detailed information.

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