

# 1968 Corvette: Service Bulletin: Auxiliary Hardtop and Stowage Compartment Door Items

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Attn: Service Manager

To: ALL CHEVROLET DEALERS

This bulletin was written to aid in correcting possible customer complaints on four items concerning 1968 Corvettes. These items are:

1. Auxiliary Hardtop - Damage to Rear Corners
2. Auxiliary Hardtop - Rattles at Rear Attachment
3. Center Stowage Compartment Door - Hard to Open
4. Stowage Compartment Door Lock Adjustment

Auxiliary Top - Damage

Damage may occur to the auxiliary top during handling and stowage at the lower rear corners of the top. A special cap to protect these areas is available and will be used in production.

It is recommended that these protective caps be installed on all early production Corvette Auxiliary Hardtops to prevent damage and to provide a better appearance if damage has already occurred. The caps, Part Numbers 3942741 Left and 3942742 Right, are to be installed on the lower rear corners with the hole on the bottom. With the cap in position, drill a 1/8" diameter hole through the plastic top using the cap as a template. Install a #6-20 x 1/4" pan head, cross recessed self-tapping screw to retain the caps.

PARTS AND LABOR DATA

	QUA.	PART NO.	PART DESCRIPTION	P	FC	L	T	OPERATION NO.	TIME
1.	1	3942741	Cap	X	05			01 1030 90	.3
2.	1	3942742	Cap						

Auxiliary Top - Rattles

Rattles may occur at the auxiliary top rear attachment to the rear compartment lid. This rattle may be corrected by revising the guillotine style lock and stud to a more positive nut and bolt type of attachment. This correction is effective in vehicles produced after April 23, 1968.

Complaints of rattling in this area may be corrected as follows:

1. Remove hardtop and interior trim panel covering the rear bow lock housing.
2. Inspect the rear bow lock housing and determine if threaded for 1/4" or 3/8" diameter bolt. If the housing is threaded for 1/4" diameter bolt, replace the housing with housing Part No. 3940688 (one per side) threaded for 3/8" diameter bolt.
3. Install rear bow lock stud Part No. 3942769 in the housing.
4. Remove existing rear bow locks from the rear compartment lid and replace with rear bow locks, Part No. 3942775 Left and 3942776 Right.
5. Reinstall hardtop to vehicle. Install tanged washer Part No. 3942766, 3/8" medium lock washer, and 3/8"-16 nut.

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	QUA.	PART NO.	PART DESCRIPTION	P	FC	L	T	OPERATION NO.	TIME
1.	2	3942769	Rear Bow Lock Stud	X	27			01 1570 92	.5
2.	1	3942775	L.H.Rear Bow Lock Asm.						
3.	1	3942776	R.H.Rear Bow Lock Asm.						
4.	2	3942766	Washer						
5.	*	3940688	Rear Bow Lock Housing						

\* Quantity two (2) as required

#### Center Stowage Compartment Door - Hard to Open

The moulded plastic center stowage compartment door used in early vehicles may, in some cases, bend and/or bind, resulting in a poor fit and difficulty in opening. These conditions may also cause the compartment door not to close sufficiently to shut off the interior light causing a battery drain. To correct this, the moulded plastic door was replaced with a rigid masonite door on vehicles produced after 1/15/68.

The rigid masonite center stowage compartment door, Part No. 3941908, should be used to correct customer complaint vehicles. When using the masonite door panel, it is necessary to replace the lock retainer with Part No. 3937912. The lock, trim ring, carpet, and attaching screws should be re-used.

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	QUA.	PART NO.	PART DESCRIPTION	P	FC	L	T	OPERATION NO.	TIME
1.	1	3941908	Door	X	52			01 0320 90	.3
2.	1	3937912	Retainer						

#### Stowage Compartment Door Lock Adjustment

The stowage compartment doors, located behind the seats, may be hard to open and close due to the fixed lock strikers. A new adjustable lock striker, Part No. 3945644, may be installed to correct this problem. Remove the riveted strikers and install the new striker using two #8-32 x 1/2" flat head machine screws and a tapping plate, Part No. 3947935. The slots in the new striker allow for better adjustment providing improved operation.

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	QUA.	PART NO.	PART DESCRIPTION	P	FC	L	T	OPERATION NO.	TIME
1.	1	3945644	Lock Striker	X	52			01 0328 90	.2 *
2.	1	3947935	Tapping Plate						

\* Per door

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