



MIKE'S CORVETTE CORNER

First of all I would like to wish everyone a healthy and Happy New year.

Ok, with that out of the way, I want to inform you that Mike's Corvette Corner is going to be a bit different this year. I'm going to add different topics as they relate to Corvettes, handy tools, maintenance tips, try to uncover Technical bulletins relating to Corvettes, and special articles. So with that being said, I had the chance to see (in a flash) what appeared to be the mid engine Corvette. I could not get my phone out quick enough to take a picture. In addition they must have had a number of other test cars or chasers following this car. So I did some research and found some information on it. Many of you have probably already seen spy photos of it, but for those of you who did not, read on...

I was okay with the upcoming mid-engined C8 Chevrolet Corvette, so I was pleased to see this new set of spy photos, grainy though they may be, I was trying to get some detail we didn't know before. The photos show a prototype C8 in its actual body, and we now have a good look at the car's profile. While the front end is covered in blocky camouflage that effectively masks its body lines, the doors are covered in only a squiggle-pattern wrap. What camo covers the rear of the car appears to be pulled relatively tight over the body panels,

revealing its overall wedge shape. The mid-engine proportions are clearly visible here as well, and any questions as to whether the car would feature a mid-mounted engine should be put to rest.

The rear view shows a small rear window and the Corvette's signature quad taillamps, including the amber turn signals. Also seen are the conventional forward-hinged doors with frameless windows.

The mid-engined Vette is expected to make its debut at the 2018 Detroit auto show in January and go on sale later that year as a 2019 model. A small-block V-8 engine pumping out 450 to 500 horsepower will sit behind the driver, and I recently confirmed (after searching the internet) that shifting duties will be handled by a new, Tremec-sourced seven-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. A hybrid model is expected to come online later in the car's life cycle, given that General Motors recently trademarked the Corvette E-Ray name and will probably put it on something. A revival of the ZR1 badge also is possible for more powerful versions to be introduced later.

So far GM has issued no denials discrediting detailed mid-engine Corvette forecasts. While there's no date regarding launch timing, the fact that experimental hardware has left the laboratory suggests that the C8 Zora sports car is on schedule to roll into showrooms in about 20 months as a 2017 model, at which point it will be sold alongside the front-engined Corvette. One can only wonder if we should mortgage our

houses and get in line at our Chevy dealer. (Sam Mona are you ready?)

For further information and pics go to this web site.....

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<http://jalopnik.com/heres-chevys-plan-for-the-mid-engined-2017-corvette-zor-1633072245>

NOTE: Some of these dates may change, they were extracted from some of the GM websites and of course, subject to change!