

Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Keesie - 06 Jun 2019 08:53

Suddenly I realise I am doing a lot of blue lately.....

Anyway, I also did some Corvettes. I have done many of these before, so for me restoring them is 'a piece of cake'. It might be worthwhile to tell you the details though.

Before 1970 Corgi did two variations. Nr 310 is the basic Corvette. It came in red, blue and rare bronze. It has opening headlights. The second version is nr 337, the 'Lazy bones' model. It only came in yellow with a lot of decals, one of the reads 'lazy bones'.

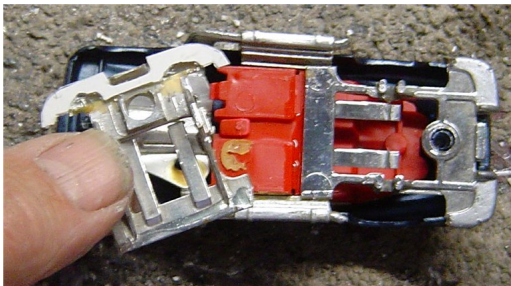
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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Keesie - 08 Jun 2019 22:36

Ok, I just finished the last one. It is all from leftover parts. Basicly it is a LB type.

The bumper unit was not the best, so I added a new front bumper from curtain blind.



As you can see the front and rear bumper/suspension unit are two parts, from the 310. I added a flat metal spring for extra support. Further the window is made out of two parts, and wheels from the 310 basic model are added.

The only way you can see it is made from two models is to look closely between exhaust and front wheel arch. I had to cut that part away, otherwise the exhausts would not fit. On the 310 there is a flat chrome bar leading from one wheel arch to the other.



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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by 143Madness - 09 Jun 2019 00:14

Can't see where fat metal spring is?

All in all looks factory to me bar those 310 wheel hubs.

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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Keesie - 09 Jun 2019 08:10

Thanks, in picture 3 of this thread you can see an example of the extra suspension. In that case with curtain blind, with this one with a flat steel spring from a VHS tape.

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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by 143Madness - 09 Jun 2019 19:05

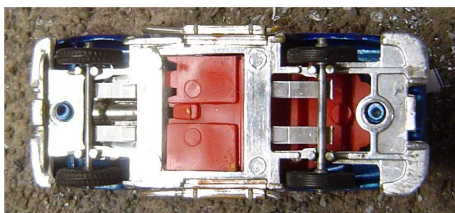
still can't see it lol

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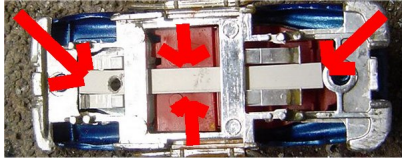
Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Keesie - 09 Jun 2019 19:38

Ok, here the model as it looks when you open it up.



and here, between the red arrows, the extra suspension.



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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Nobleco - 09 Jun 2019 23:33

Personally I thought it was easy to spot and an excellent fix for this poor suspension.

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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Keesie - 10 Jun 2019 07:58

I do these ones (also with the Mustangs) with either curtain blinds or flat VHS springs.

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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Nobleco - 10 Jun 2019 18:35

You have shown many examples in the past so I knew what to look for, Others not so much, I guess.

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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by 143Madness - 10 Jun 2019 18:36

My eyes are adjusting!

looks like there is a very small hole at the front of it also in close proximity to the engine area.

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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Nobleco - 10 Jun 2019 18:42

Yes, I see the hole as well. It is a narrow white band of window blind material that goes from left red arrow to right red arrow. Looks to be about 1/4" to 3/8" wide. It works well in light suspensions. For heavier cars and trucks he uses VHS springs from inside the tape box that holds the VHS tape. He also gets base screws etc from them too.

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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Keesie - 10 Jun 2019 22:26

Ok, as I said before, certain details I do not explain because either I forget, or I think I explained it before. The strip has a hole in the front, because on the inside of the base, at the engine, a pillar is standing upright holding the engine in place. Therefore I had to make a hole in the plastic strip, or take away the pillar. In the last case the engine could drop down, and the additional strip could move in a position I did not want. So, by making a hole, I got two problems solved: the strip stays in place and the engine stays in place.

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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Nobleco - 11 Jun 2019 16:56

Yes, there is always method to what you do. Some would even say method to your madness and you are mad over Corgi (that is a good thing)

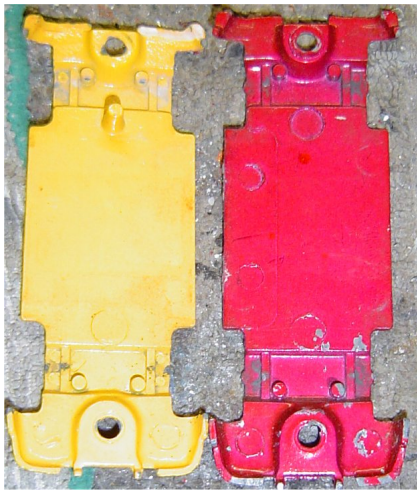
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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Keesie - 14 Jun 2019 16:35

Thanks Jim. I realise I never made a picture of the inside of the baseplates of those Corvettes.

So here it is.



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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Keesie - 14 Jun 2019 16:42

The yellow one is the Lazy Bones version. You see a pillar where the engine is located. This pillar holds the engine in place. As the engine exhausts stick out of the hood, if that pillar would NOT be there, the engine could be pressed in and cause damage.

The red one is from the basic version 310. This one does not have a pillar sticking out of the baseplate. No need to, because this model only has a flat air intake, which is actually held in place by the complete bumper/suspension unit.

So, by adding my own flat suspension to the LB I had to drill a hole in that flat spring, for the pillar to stick through. That way an axtra advantage is that the new suspension stays in place.

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Re: Some Corgi Corvettes

Posted by Andy66 - 14 Jun 2019 18:14

Good work on these & good use of thought on recycling something to make your models function again.

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