

Wise Guy Wednesday

Wise Guy 24-16: A Special One!

Q: I have owned a number of Corvettes over the years. Last year I purchased a Corvette that had a unique trim tag. In the area that you would find a code for exterior color, it shows '**SPEC**'. My understanding is that the paint on my unrestored Corvette is not a 'typical production' color for that year. I think much of the rest of the car is unrestored / original. Can I still bring the Corvette to Bloomington Gold for Gold Standard® judging? My friend says that the car is not what judges are used to seeing; i.e, it is not *typical factory production* and it will not do well. Can I still bring it?



A: Bloomington Gold Standard® judging reviews and evaluates Corvettes compared to how they left the factory at production. Typical production Corvettes left the factory with a paint/ finish that was a recorded production color and code. Typical Trim Tag designations for paint were three numbers that referenced a factory available paint for that year. In basic terms, this would be a Red, Black, White, Green or other color that Chevrolet designated for production in that given year. Bloomington Gold Corvettes judge cars as to how closely they *appear* to how they would have left the factory. This evaluation is done in finishes and paint, and in all other components. BUT, some cars left the factory with a different paint color/ finish than what was *typical*, and were designated on their Trim Tag as being special (order). There are variations on how this was designated but all had a designation code close to 'SPEC'. If your Corvette has a Trim Tag code such as this and you have documentation / paperwork to support your car having a special finish, then YES, please consider bringing it for Bloomington Gold Standard Judging. The best thing you can do for your Corvette with a SPEC code designation is to have it authenticated and documented.

Any questions..... contact **Wise Guy** guy@bloomingtongold.com

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