

Wise Guy Wednesday

Wise Guy 24-22: The Truth Lies in the Tag

Q: Hey Wise Guy: I had my 1967 Corvettes judged at Bloomington three years ago and really enjoyed the experience. It did receive the Gold Certification and I learned some things about the car from the judging team. I found that the alternator was the correct part number but the dating was a month after car production! The shocks were dated correctly (they were one month prior to production) but were not the part number expected for a car with F41 suspension.



My '67 is a restored car, not a SURVIVOR, so I can easily correct these items and make it more correct to how it would have been when new. Thank you to the judges!

I also own a 1963 Split Window that I would like to get judged. It is highly original – never been painted and I think much of the engine is the real deal. It is Daytona Blue with a black interior. I have been told that it came with saddle interior... I think black looks much better. I've checked and all the previous owners, second thru fifth, say the car had black interior when they owned it. I do not have any original docs to verify how it was when new. I would like to *Go For The Gold* with my 63 and see if I can get Gold Certified like my 66. Looking for your advice. Steve

A: Sixties Steve: Congratulations on achieving Gold with your 1967 Corvette! Let's dive into the details of your 1963 blue Corvette. A key part of the Certification judging is to confirm that the exterior and interior finishes of a Corvette appear as it left the factory. Additionally, the judges review the engine stampings and vehicle tags to confirm that the car's drivetrain appears as it was when it left the factory. A metal plate called a 'Trim Tag' was fastened to the hinge pillar just below the glove box on the passenger side interior. The Trim Tag tells us what color and what material (vinyl / leather) a Corvette was originally equipped with when it was manufactured. You say that others have told you that your Corvette originally came with saddle interior. This would be identified on the Trim Tag; following the word TRIM on the plate, you should see either STD or BLK if the original interior was black, or you would see 490 plus a letter such as F, P, V, if the original interior color was saddle. If your car originated with saddle interior and now has black interior, Bloomington Gold Certification judging would be limited to no higher than Silver Certification. If the Trim Tag indicates your car originated with a black interior, then you are eligible for all Certification awards, including the Gold Certification. So, it would be best to have someone knowledgeable read your Trim Tag and decode the information for you.

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

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