

Exhaust, Shocks & Repainted Roof



A few months ago, someone took a fondness to Code Red's mirrored glass roof and made away with it with a solid red top that's been repainted black to match the sail panels. This gave the old '85 a similar look to the '88 35th Anniversary Corvette.

Ray and Richard Matyskiel of AAA Body & Fender Works in North Arlington, N.J., applied the color to Code Red's new top, but only after doing some minor prep work. They completed the job which consisted of sanding, priming, painting and polishing the new top, in about a day. The finished product looks as good as new and has restored the Vette's classy image.

In the ride department, we replaced the all four shocks with gas-charged Tokicos. This gave code Red a much smoother ride, with improved handling and superior cornering performance to boot. Jack Strutter of Plum Crazy in Passaic, N.J., performed the installation which took just under two hours.

For additional horsepower, we bolted on a pair of FLOWMASTER® high-flow mufflers and new piping from the converter back, to spark the stock 350 with some added punch. The installation was performed by noted exhaust specialist Mufflex in Trenton, N.J., and included a custom-made Y-pipe. The mufflers chosen are a new design from FLOWMASTER, and are much quieter than past offerings, yet produce the same performance increase.

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