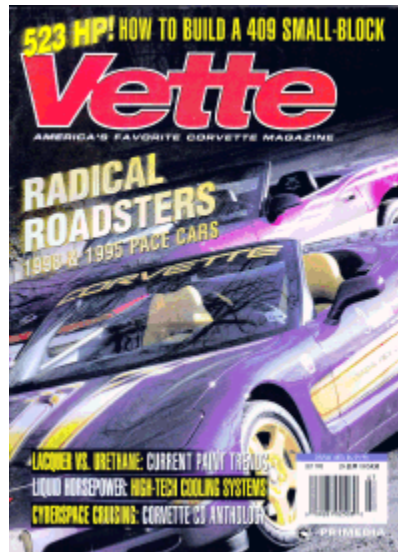


How to install FLOWMASTER's New Aggressive Sounding C5 Mufflers

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Owners of C5's are mighty proud of their high-tech Corvettes. Given the car's thrilling power, impressive road manners and remarkable comfort, they lavish nothing but praise upon their new Corvette's fine engineering and quality of construction. The only complaint we keep hearing over and over again is that of the car's sound, or rather the lack thereof.

Due to the combination of its unique and extensive sound deadening system design and materials that insulate its engine and occupants from the world outside quite well, and its pair of highly effective mufflers, the C5 has a sound characteristic that is akin to a sedan rather than a sports car. To those owners who were raised on midyears and stingrays, this isn't their idea of what a Corvette should sound like. A deeper louder-sounding Corvette with a pulsating exhaust beat is how they want their C5 to echo its 345 horsepower within.

Thanks to the aftermarket, performance parts and accessories for the C5 are slowly being released to very receptive buyers, eager to personalize their C5 with a distinctive blend of enhances performance and aesthetic appeal. Topping their wish list are louder exhaust systems to cure those soundless blues. With the recent release of Flowmaster's new C5 mufflers, those owners will soon be dancing in the streets.

This new Flowmaster three chamber muffler system will make any new Corvette sound far meaner and intimidating with a deeper, fuller bass-like sound, yet it does so without increasing interior cabin noise.

This is achieved by Flowmaster's unique design principles of specially shaped baffles and chambers, which are incorporated into every muffler it builds.

To hear how much better the Flowmaster muffler makes the C5 sound, we traveled to Trenton, N.J., and visited Mufflex, the industry's premier fabricator and installer of high-performance exhaust systems, to witness installation of the very first pair of C5 mufflers on a 1998 6-speed.

The installation was fairly straightforward, as the mufflers are designed to fit perfectly without modifications. With the exception of the stainless steel exhaust tips, the Flowmasters look like OEM a muffler--that is, until the LS1 is fired up and hammered through the gears.

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