



## Corvette Racing Chassis History: 2005-2009

*Reviewing history and successes of Corvette C6.R GT1 era*

**DETROIT** (June 18, 2020) – Corvette Racing’s championship-winning legacy has been well-documented. Following on the success of the Chevrolet Corvette C5-R from 1999-2004, the program’s next GT challenger more than lived up to its predecessor with 40 victories to go along with four consecutive Manufacturer, Driver and Team championships in IMSA competition.

We’ll look back today at each individual Corvette C6.R GT1 chassis to count down to the return of Corvette Racing to the racetrack July 3-4 at Daytona International Speedway.

### Corvette C6R-001



A new era in Corvette history began with the debut of the C6.R in 2005. Chassis C6R-001 was driven by Ron Fellows and Johnny O’Connell, who scored the first win for the sixth-generation Corvette at Road Atlanta with additional victories at Mid-Ohio and Sonoma. After the 2005 American Le Mans Series season, it won in FIA GT at hands of Marcel Fässler, among others.

## Corvette C6R-002



Corvette C6R-002 is perhaps the most honored Corvette chassis in modern history. It has 15 wins in 76 races with seven coming from the trio of Oliver Gavin/Jan Magnussen/Olivier Beretta including the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2005. It also won the 2005 ALMS GT1 Championship before winning in FFSA and FIA GT series as late as 2009.

## Corvette C6R-003



Corvette chassis C6R-003 raced 13 times with the factory squad in a high-profile GT1 battle in the 2006 American Le Mans Series. It claimed victory at Road America that year and was a third Corvette entered for the Mosport round in 2007 for Ron Fellows and Andy Pilgrim. This chassis also won twice in 2008 Le Mans Series competition.

## Corvette C6R-004



Another Corvette chassis that raced with distinction, C6R-004 won five of its 11 races in 2006 with the factory program including four straight in the American Le Mans Series to start: Sebring, Houston, Mid-Ohio and Le Mans. It also won at Portland and gave Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta a second straight ALMS GT1 title.

## Corvette C6R-005



Corvette chassis C6R-005 featured Jan Magnussen's addition to full-time duty. Magnussen and Johnny O'Connell won three times in the 2007 American Le Mans Series' GT1 class. Chassis 005 went on to take multiple FIA GT wins in private hands.

## Corvette C6R-006



Corvette chassis C6R-006 was another dominant force in the hand of Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta in the 2007 ALMS. They claimed nine wins in 12 events including the 12 Hours of Sebring with Max Papis. Unsurprisingly, those results led to another ALMS GT1 Championship. After the car was sold to SRT, Marcel Fässler drove it to a victory in the FFSA French GT Championship.

## Corvette C6R-007



One of the final Corvette GT1 chassis went out in a big way! Corvette C6R-007 won 10 times in 15 races between 2008-09. Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen won the 2008 ALMS GT1 title with eight wins in the category's final full season. They won the Sebring 12 Hours back-to-back and went out a winner at Le Mans in 2009 with Antonio Garcia.

## Corvette C6R-008



The end of the ALMS GT1 era saw four wins in 15 events for Corvette chassis C6R-008 and the Oliver Gavin/Olivier Beretta duo. Among them was a win at home in Detroit in 2008. Its final win for Corvette Racing came at Long Beach in 2009 – the final GT1 race in ALMS.

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