

Santa's List Can Contain a 'Vette - of Sorts

There's more than one way to give someone the gift of a Corvette.

From a scale model to the real car, there are many ways to give a Corvette this holiday season, according to Chevy spokesperson Monte Doran.

The Top 10 list featured here, with prices from \$12 to \$77,450, should make it easy to give the perfect gift to a 'Vette enthusiast.

Topping the list is the new Corvette Stingray Premiere Edition Convertible. Production will be limited to 550 all top-of-the-line 3LT models, all in Lime Rock Green exterior and Brownstone suede interior.

The vehicle also includes suede-wrapped interior trim, carbon fiber accents, variable tuned performance exhaust system, Z51 Performance Package and Magnetic Selective Ride Control.

The Premiere Edition also features unique wheels with "Stingray"-logo center caps, "Stingray"-logo interior sill plates and a five-piece set of Corvette-branded luggage from Thule - all from the Corvette Accessories catalog.

These collectible cars will have a unique VIN sequence and unique dash plaques commemorating their limited-edition status. The Premiere Edition Convertible will cost \$77,450, including destination and delivery fees, and will arrive in dealerships in early 2014.

If that doesn't fit into one's post-Black Friday budget, there are nine other ways to give the gift of Corvette:

- Corvette Stingray Rollerball Pen (\$12) - With the look and feel of luxury, be inspired to author handwritten notes.

The Corvette Stingray Rollerball Pen has a sleek design with a solid brass cap and barrel, and rubber accents.

- Monopoly Empire Game (\$20) - A shortened version of the classic board game, players can purchase brands instead of properties and choose the 2014 Corvette Stingray game piece to travel around the board.

- 1:18-scale model 2014 Corvette Stingray (\$38.50) - Sleek and sculpted, this die cast rendition of the 2014 Corvette Stingray will make a great addition to any collection.

- "Corvette Stingray: The Seventh Generation of America's

Sports Car," by Larry Edsall (\$40) - A must-own for any Corvette fan, this book is the complete inside story of the new Stingray, with more than 300 historical and behind-the-scenes photographs.

- Fisher Price Power Wheels (\$275) - Modeled after the 2014 Corvette Stingray, the Fisher Price Power Wheels Corvette features the new design with the same sporty "chrome" wheels. It is also the fastest Power Wheels in the product line.

- The Seventh Generation Corvette Watch (\$775) - Designed exclusively for the Corvette Collection, this limited-edition chronograph watch features the next-generation Corvette crossed flags and Corvette logo against a real carbon fiber dial face.

- Corvette Stingray Luggage (\$910) - Travel in style with a

specially designed Corvette five-piece luggage set, including two roller suitcases, a backpack, duffel bag and messenger bag.

- Corvette Heritage Neon Sign (\$5,000) - Developed in collaboration with retired GM Vice President of Design Chuck Jordan, this sign was designed to reflect the first-generation Corvette - clean, simple and straightforward.

Finally, for those looking to enjoy the exceptional driving experience of the Stingray first hand...

- Performance Drive Schools - Learn to drive with the speed, confidence and finesse of a professional road racing driver at one of two performance drive schools - Ron Fellows Performance Driving School (prices begin at \$2,995 for a two-day school) or the Bob Bondurant School of Performance Driving (prices starting at \$1,225 for a 1- to 3-day course).

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November Sales Cause Prediction Of 15.7M SAAR

Edmunds.com forecasts that 1,196,663 new cars and trucks will be sold in the U.S. in November for an estimated Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate (SAAR) of 15.7 million.

The projected sales would be a 0.7 percent decrease from October 2013, but a 4.7 percent increase from November 2012.

"Any economic uncertainty that car shoppers might have felt in October seems to be a distant memory by now," says Edmunds.com senior analyst Jessica Caldwell.

"Car buyers are already taking advantage of advertised holiday deals, and, as we plow deeper into the holiday season, the table is set for 2013 to finish on a very strong note."

Edmunds.com estimates that retail SAAR will come in at 13.3 million vehicles in November, with fleet transactions accounting for 15.0 percent of total sales. An estimated 2.66 million used cars will be sold in November, for a SAAR of 36.5 million (compared with 3.04 million - or a SAAR of 35.4 million - used car sales in October).

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