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Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport

East Africa Safari Rally 2013
Dutch registration AM-01-12
VIN: A194376S103026, 1966

General specification

Built to East Africa Safari Rally regulations
1390 kg dry and empty
Built to run on low octane fuel

Safety

Full FIA Rally spec safety options.
FIA certified Roll cage including front and rear clip, Lifeline Fire extinguisher, Continental custom race fuel cell, Racetec seats.

Drivetrain

Brand New Engine: 383 Cubic Inch
457 Hp
420 lbft @3000 rpm
450 lbft @4000 rpm
431 lbft @5500 rpm
Built for low octane fuel
Dart Cylinder heads, Edelbrock manifold, Hydraulic Roller cam, MSD ignition etc etc.
4 speed transmission "fivespeed"
Limited slip differential, Ratio 3,7

Suspension, wheels

Dual Wishbone front suspension
5 link Independent rear suspension
Reiger dampers front and rear
25 cm Suspension travel
Vented Discs
Wilwood 4 pot dampers
Space for 2 spare wheels
15"x7 rims"

Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport, then and now.

In 1963 a dedicated group of General Motors engineers designed and built a small series of 5 light-weight Corvettes. The objective was to participate in International FIA events like Sebring, Le Mans, Daytona and beat cars like the Ford Daytona Coupes and the Ferrari GTO.

Halfway during the development program GM Management unfortunately decided to cancel the project. All 5 cars were sold to private teams like Penske Racing and John Mecom Racing who successfully raced the cars for several seasons at circuits like Sebring, Nassau, Watkins Glen and Road America. These privateers further developed and modified their cars and achieved many successes in the hands of drivers like A.J. Foyt, Jim Hall, Dick Thompson and many more. Towards the end of 1967 these legendary cars became obsolete for racing and were acquired by collectors and museums. As the value of these iconic cars has risen to astronomic heights they are rarely seen in the wild, leave alone raced in current historic races.

2013, The Safari Corvette Grand Sport

In 2011 Tachyon started the development of a purpose built rally version of the Grand Sport with the goal of competing in the 2013 East Africa Safari Rally. Extensive resources were spent in the development and fabrication of suspension and drive train components that can deal with the rough Kenyan and Tanzanian roads. When the car was ready for testing early 2013 they had spent well over Euro

340K in materials alone. After intensive spring 2013 testing the team set off to Africa and successfully finished after 9 days of rough roads, jumps, rivers and dust at speeds up to 190 Kilometers per hour.

The car has recently received a brand new engine with Over 450 BHP A dated Dyno sheet is included with the car.

Fan base and Social Media

In preparation of the Rally Tachyon had opened a Facebook page and YouTube channel. Some YouTube movies reached over 25,000 viewers. Should the buyer be interested, the seller of the car is happy to offer the Facebook Page with the car.

The local Kenyan rally fans had never seen a Corvette and quickly nicknamed the car "Simba" or "The Lion".

This unique purpose built car probably offers the most cost efficient way to take part in the 2017 edition of the legendary Safari Rally or could be used in any other contemporary rough road event.

Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-6culgMHNs>

Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/safarirallycorvettegrandsport/?fref=ts>