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Saturday 03/24/2012
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Can My VIN Tell Me If I Have a Real Super Sport?



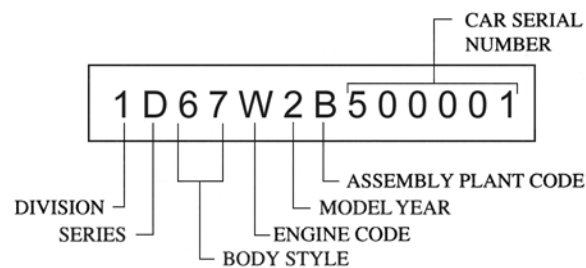
From the first Chevelle built in 1964, and continuing through the 1968 model year, the Chevelle SS was its own body style, which makes them easy to identify solely by their vehicle identification number (VIN). The second through the fifth digit in the VIN can be used to identify what body style the particular vehicle is.

In the 1969 model year, the Super Sport was no longer a stand-alone model, but rather an option that could be ordered on any two-door platform. From that point on, with the exception of 1972 models equipped with a 454 cubic inch engine, there is no way to tell from the VIN whether your Chevelle is a real Super Sport. Thus, for these years, the only sure fire way to prove your Chevelle is indeed a Super Sport is with documentation. Examples would be the original window sticker, build sheet, or protect-o-plate with the VIN matching your Chevelle printed on the document from the factory.

There are a few exceptions to the rule where having documentation may not be necessary. For the 1969 model year, there were two paint colors exclusive to the Super Sport; Monaco Orange (code 72) and Daytona Yellow (code 76). If the cowl tag includes either of these paint codes (and it is original to the vehicle, and not tampered with), it is certain to be a real Super Sport.

For the 1969 and 1970 model years, there is possibly a way to prove your Chevelle is an SS. All Chevelle Super Sports for these two years came only with big-block engines. To be a Super Sport, first off, your Chevelle would have to be equipped with a big block. Second, the last six digits of the VIN matching this Chevelle would be stamped on the pad in front of the head on the passenger side of the block (it could also be stamped near the oil filter). The problem with this method of identification is the fact that if the VIN stamped on the block does not match the vehicle VIN, it doesn't prove it is not an SS, it just proves it is not the original motor.

It is also possible for the stamping to have been removed by a machining process during a routine engine rebuild. And by the same token, any number could be stamped in place of the original. So the best proof is documentation. Without documentation or the original unmolested big-block motor, it is all but impossible to prove or disprove its SS pedigree.



1972 VIN Plate indicating 454 engine

In 1972, the fifth character of the vehicle identification number denotes the engine size. The alpha code “W” refers to a 454 engine. Since the 454 was only available as part of the SS package, any Chevelle or El Camino with a “W” as the fifth character in the VIN is a genuine SS 454.

In conclusion, if you are looking to purchase a true Chevelle SS and it is 1969 or newer, I can only keep repeating the same thing... documentation, Documentation, DOCUMENTATION!!!



1972 LS5 454

Upcoming Events

CAR CRAFT 2012

July 20, 2012 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.), 21 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) & 22 (9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

<http://www.familyevents.com/files/2012%20early%20brid%20car%20registration%20form.pdf>

NORTH SHORE RUN

Save the date: Oct. 6th - 7th

12 rooms have been blocked off at the Canal Park Lodge in Duluth. Reservations can start being made as of Jan. 21. The rooms are saved under the Northstar Chevelle Club. If the rooms have not been reserved by Sept. 6th they will no longer be held.

<http://www.canalparklodge.com/>

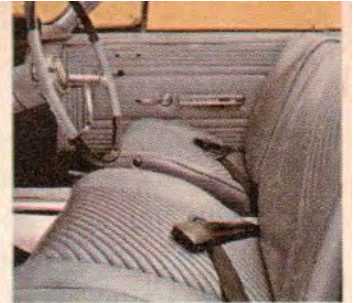
Don't forget to purchase your 2012 Chevelle calendar!!



Calendars are available at our monthly meetings, or you can order them using the [Club Merchandise](#) link on our website. Cost is \$12 plus \$3 S&H for up to 2 calendars. \$10.50 S&H for 3 to 20 calendars. Shipping to a single address only with each order.

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La Beaumont 65

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Ride of the Month

1997 Chevrolet Monte Carlo LS Survivor



This 1997 Monte Carlo LS is a true survivor with 264,000 miles on the ticker, and still retains its original paint, and interior. It is powered by an unmolested, numbers matching 160hp 3.1 liter V6 engine and four-speed automatic transmission. It rides on four P225/60/R16 Goodyear Weather Handler all-season radials mounted on the original sport wheels. Stopping power is handled by four-wheel anti-lock disk brakes. This Monte came from the factory equipped with such creature comforts as bucket seats, floor console, AM/FM radio with single CD changer, dual control heat and air conditioning, cruise control, and power trunk release. To keep an eye on the engine vitals, an all-important tachometer and idiot lights were installed at the factory. When weather permits, the owner enjoys cruising to the compost / brush site with the trunk filled with yard waste. This truly versatile vehicle also serves double-duty as a parts hauler.

Anyone interested in having their Chevelle/El Camino featured in the coming months, please submit your photos and information about your ride to; jeff.steffes@northstarcheves.com

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