

American Competition Heritage

When an American Competition Car Becomes a Collection-Defining Artifact

RM SOTHEBY'S REPORTED SALE RESULT

\$18,705,000 USD

1963 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport 003 · Sold · Monterey 2026

Public offering. Not characterized here as hammer or seller net; not a Motown Missile valuation or comparable.

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1 • THE REPORTED RESULT

RM Sotheby's reports that the 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport identified as chassis 30837X100003, or 003, sold at Monterey in 2026 for \$18,705,000 USD. This supplement does not recast that figure as a hammer price, seller net, repeat-sale appreciation, or evidence that a particular campaign caused the outcome. It was a public Monterey offering, not a private or sealed transaction.

A major result can focus diligence on identity, competition record, custody, restoration and exactly what accompanies a sale. It cannot transfer value mechanically from one car to another.

C1 • RM Sotheby's Monterey 2026 lot/result page

<https://rmsothebys.com/auctions/mo26/lots/r0081-1963-chevrolet-corvette-grand-sport/>

2 · MAKING THE RECORD TANGIBLE

The reviewed catalogue material organizes a specific chassis identity, stated race history, successive custodians, extensive restoration, retained and recreated components, and an earlier engine described as accompanying the sale. Those details remain attributable catalogue claims, not independently re-verified facts in this work.

The auction-house feature “Another Icarus,” by Adam Hay-Nicholls, added pre-sale editorial context and an \$11-13 million estimate. It is RM Sotheby’s own editorial, not independent newspaper coverage. A separate media-center release dated 13 July 2026 linked B-roll, YouTube and high-resolution imagery. Its structural lesson is useful; none of those assets is authorized Motown Missile media.

C2 · Another Icarus · 15 July 2026 · RM Sotheby’s / Adam Hay-Nicholls
<https://rmsothebys.com/stories/another-icarus/>

C3 · The Holy Grail of Corvettes Is Coming to Monterey · 13 July 2026 · RM Sotheby’s Media Center
<https://rmsothebys.com/media-center/press-releases/the-holy-grail-of-corvettes-is-coming-to-monterey/>
Structural reference only; linked Corvette media is not authorized Motown Missile media.

3 · WHY COMPARISON STOPS SHORT

The Grand Sport and Motown Missile differ in marque, discipline, history, evidence and transaction context. The result is external sale context—not a Motown Missile comparable, valuation, reserve, floor or forecast. It does not displace nearer historic Pro Stock evidence in The Value of a Legend, including the reported \$412,500 sale of a 1971 Sox & Martin Pro Stock car in 2020; that reference also remains unequal.

Presentation cannot cure gaps. Title and identity review, custody records where available, current inspection, component classification, a written inclusions schedule, rights clearances and transaction terms remain separate diligence tasks.

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4 • LESSONS FOR MOTOWN MISSILE

The owner-supplied Proof 10 synopsis describes restoration with historical integrity and patina (pp. 3–4), a 1970 HEMI four-speed donor and late-1971 presentation (p. 4), named program figures (p. 6), source-described 426 dual-plug HEMI, CD ignition, tunnel ram, A-833 four-speed and Dana 60 (pp. 7–8), and selected Data Van channels plus a separate experimental transmission account (pp. 9–10). The B&M six-speed is a separate historical experiment; it does not establish the currently installed drivetrain.

These are source-attributed leads—not current inspection findings or proof of a complete custody chain, all-original status, included spares, title position, signature authenticity or reproduction rights. The collector dossier asks for a signed written inventory and classifies components only when evidence supports the classification.

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