

2008 Hertz ZHZ Limited Edition Corvette

In 2008, Hertz teamed up with General Motors to add special edition Corvettes to its Fun Collection of rental cars. 500 of the cars were built, but 30 of the cars were set aside and never added to the rental fleet. Our car, one of the 30 set aside, is #495 of 500 produced and has only 1,177 miles on her.

The Corvette ZHZ is specially customized, finished in Hertz's iconic yellow color with an exclusive black stripe that starts at the Corvette emblem on the hood and travels back over the roof. This Corvette Coupe has an optional dual-mode exhaust system that gives the standard 430-hp 6.2L LS3 V8 a bump to 436 hp. It has a set of 18-inch front and 19-inch rear wheels that are chromed and feature seven spokes apiece. The tires are Goodyear Eagle F1 EMT Supercar tires. (Source: John Neff, 6/9/2008)



The Corvette ZHZ features a paddle-shift automatic transmission with plenty of reserve power for passing. It has magnetic selective ride control with “tour” and “sport” settings for a customized ride with an aggressive sound performance.

The Corvette ZHZ also features a distinctive look, with dramatic fender forms and exposed headlamps combined with the grille and center-exit exhaust, round tail lamps, tapered rear deck, a rear spoiler and body color door handles to create a dramatic visual identity. In addition, the car comes equipped with a screen mesh package that provides side covers, exhaust plate screens and a grille mesh; under-hood blanket with the Corvette emblem and lamp kit; specific console armrest with ZHZ embroidery and a Hertz fender emblem and floor mat embroidery designed by GM.

According to Wil Cooksey, manager of the Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant at the time, the graphics for these cars were outsourced instead of applied at the plant. The cars were brought back to Bowling Green before being shipped to Hertz.

Hertz Corporation distributed 30 of the cars to their licensee network through a lottery, specifying that the cars could not be sold for 24 months or 18,000 miles, whichever is sooner, unless the cars were added to the active rental fleet. Our car came through Auto Rentals, Inc. in Brunswick, Georgia with documentation signed by owner, David Benjamin, Sr., who decided to put this particular car in “protective custody” until he agreed to sell it in 2012.

The window-sticker price was \$58,690 with a destination charge of \$850. The ZHZ Special Edition package was a \$12,590 add-on. The EPA estimated 25 MPG Highway.