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Corvette dominates the show in Motown

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DETROIT, Mi.: The undisputed star of this year's North American International Auto Show in Detroit was the 2014 Corvette Stingray.

It marks only the third time since the Corvette was launched in 1954 that the Stingray name has been used—such is its importance to GM.

Shown in coupe form in Detroit, its styling leaves

no doubt this is a Corvette but it is easily the sleekest version yet with a 6.2-litre V8 producing an estimated 450 hp and 450 lb/ft of torque and will have a 0-60 mph time of less than four seconds. Corvette officials say it is expected to be better on fuel than the (US) 26 mpg of the current model.

The interior features genuine carbon fibre with magnesium frame seats and dual eight-inch configurable infotainment systems.

Heightening the ride and handling is a five-position Drive Mode switch that allows the driver to fac-

tor in 12 different "attributes" while the new seven-speed manual transmission comes with Active Rev Matching that anticipates when the driver is about to shift and matches the gear to engine speed.

For those who want more, there is the track-capable Z51 Performance Package including: an electronic limited-slip differential, dry-sump oiling system, integral/differential/transmission cooling as well as an aero package that improves high speed stability.

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