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Glovebox Contents, 1961 & '62

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This and upcoming issues of *Stock Was . . .* will look at printed materials shipped with newly delivered Corvair 95s. We'll begin with the items that were placed in the glovebox at the assembly line, and later articles will examine other sheets and labels placed within the vehicle. I'd like to thank Dave Newell for informative discussions and copies of the export Owner Guides, and Jean Allen for generously providing some booklets from her collection.

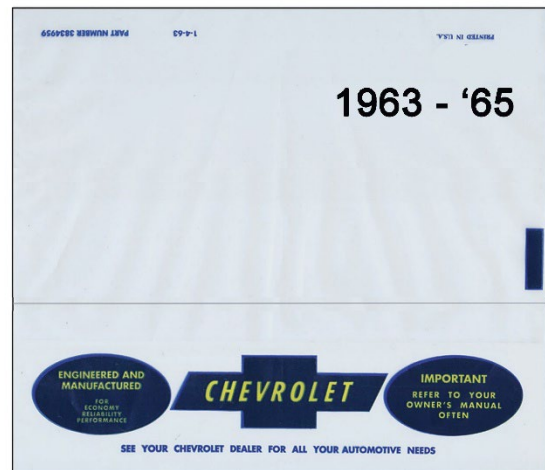
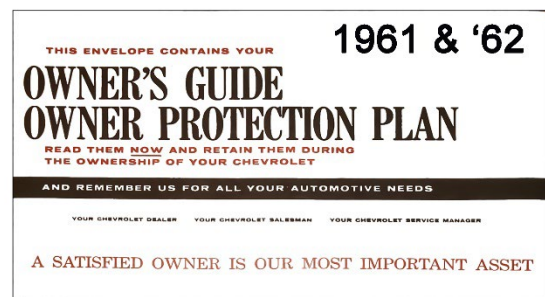
The booklets were provided by the Chevrolet Material Department, which was responsible for controlling the flow of parts to the assembly lines. Each model year Corvair 95 received the last Owners Guide and the warranty Owner Protection Plan booklets, and Greenbriers also received a Greenbrier Sports Wagon brochure. A couple of other items were included only in 1961.

Which printed materials were intended for of each model is given in the Miscellaneous Shipping List of the factory Assembly Manual, although these are not entirely trustworthy and errors exist.

The GM part numbers of printed materials were updated annually with the release of new vehicle models. When booklets were revised mid-year, they may have received a different cover and/or edition number, and sometimes a new part number. The presence and formatting of edition numbers was not consistent between Owner Guides and Protection Plans nor from year to year. Part numbers were present only some years on the Greenbrier Sports Wagon brochures and lacking entirely from the battery warranty pamphlets.

Document Envelopes

Let's look in the dispatch box (as the glovebox was called) of FCs from different model years. The first image shows the document envelopes that were provided with all FCs models to hold the Owners Guide, Warranty booklet, and other documents that



Early and Late style document envelopes. Top: 1961 – '62 paper envelop (#3785443); Bottom: 1963 – '65 clear plastic envelope (#3954959).

might be in the glovebox. From 1961 and '62 the envelopes (#3785443) were made of paper and from 1963 – '65 they were plastic (#3954959). Both styles are currently available as reproductions.

1961 Dispatch Box U. S. Owners Guide

Like the traditional design C10-C30 Chevy Trucks, 1961 Corvair 95s were honored with their own dedicated Owners Guide (#3784616). The guide was comparable in detail and pages (47) to those provided for the Corvair car and other Chevrolet models. And sections of the '61 and '62 Corvair-95 Owner Guides are taken essentially verbatim from the car booklets, usually with substitution of pictures.

The '61 guide was issued in three editions and a few errors are common to all. The image (pg 30) showing the air cleaner location is a car engine (note the car cross-shaft). A chrome nameplate is reportedly (pg 23) is only found on the front door of a Greenbrier. The description of radio options (pg 16) includes the car pushbutton model (#988468) even though a manual radio was the only option for the Corvair 95. Possibly Chevrolet was contemplating adding this as an option, but I suspect an error since all other documents show the pushbutton radio for the car only.

Another error is the statement on page 21 that the “second seat is factory installed in the back of the rear compartment in the optional third seat position.” This would have required separate packaging of the rear support bracket used only when the seat was in the forward position, which was not the case.

There were changes in the second and third editions. The “Octane requirements” section (pg 24) was amended to include Canada and the U.S. in the discussion of low octane fuels. In the third edition the recommended maximum towing speed (pg 7) was increased from 30 MPH to 50 MPH. Strangely, in the 2nd and 3rd editions the picture on



1961 Dispatch Box: 1 – Owners Guide # 3784616 (three editions); **2** – Owners Guide, export version #3784753; **3 & 4** – Greenbrier warranty booklet #3783761 version one (**3**) and version two (**4**); **5** – R10 warranty booklet #3781610; **6** – Greenbrier Sports Wagon brochure #3789975; **7** – Warranty Brochure - #3799575. Also see the battery warranty pamphlets in the next figure.

pg 32 showing the powerglide fluid level dipstick is of a car engine (note the top-mounted engine oil level dipstick) instead of the FC engine of the first edition.

Export Version Owners Guide

According to the Miscellaneous Shipping List, two export versions of the Owners Guide were produced, one in English for the overseas English-speaking markets and another in Spanish for global markets speaking Espanol. The version shown here is in English; it lacks an edition number and is thus presumably the first edition, and possibly the only edition. However, it shows the car engine on pg 32 like the latter two editions of the domestic Owner Guide. There are some obvious differences from the domestic version. The references to the Conerad Civil Defense radio frequencies, vehicle operation in foreign countries, and Owner Service Policy are removed. It might seem surprising that images of the speedometer and all references to distance are in miles rather than kilometers, but Canada did not adopt the metric system until 1975.

Owner Protection Plan

The Greenbrier, classified as a passenger vehicle, received a car Owner Protection Plan. Corvair 95 pickups and Corvans ("R10" FCs) were considered to be commercial vehicles and so received the same warranty booklet as C10 – C30 Chevy trucks. Although the warranty booklets would eventually settle on the name "Owner Protection Plan", in 1961 they were still called "Owner Protection Policy" (cars) and Owner Service Policy (trucks). Only Greenbriers assembled in August and September 1960 would have received the blue version of the warranty booklet. In late September a new 12 Month/12,000 mile warranty was introduced and a new (turquoise cover) Owner Protection Plan booklet was printed. Only a single version of the truck warranty booklet was printed and went to all Corvans and Corvair 95 pickups. The truck booklet was much shorter than the passenger vehicle version mainly because it lacked the Guardian Maintenance coupons and service policy that required periodic preventative maintenance.

Greenbrier Sports Wagon Brochure

Greenbriers received a Greenbrier Sports Wagon brochure, which was basically an advertisement for the camper options. The inaugural 9-page 1961 brochure (#3789975) was printed with in orange two-tone style and was by far the largest and most detailed version with descriptions of all standard components of the Greenbrier camper package, non-GM camping equipment, and other types of optional equipment available from the dealer.

Warranty Brochure

The 1961 models were the only year in which a separate warranty brochure ("Concerning Your New Chevrolet", #3799575) was also delivered from the factory. This brochure described the warranty and the owner's maintenance requirements of the Service Policy. Chevrolet would publish similar brochures for each model year throughout the 1960s, but after 1961 they would be delivered to and distributed by the dealer.

Battery Warranty Pamphlet

1961 was also the only model year for which a battery warranty pamphlet was delivered with the new vehicle. It was identified in the Assembly Manual "Miscellaneous Shipping List" as part number 3797840; unfortunately, the pamphlets occur in several different versions and lack GM part numbers. Originally the warranty pamphlets had a GM Division name at the top but by 1961 were generically titled "New General Motors Vehicle". The most likely to have come with a Corvair 95 are identified as "Form No. 748" and "Form No. 749". These pamphlets have spaces for the vehicle purchase date, carry 12 month / 12,000 mile coverage, and differ only in the instructions for the quality of water to be used with the battery. Other pamphlets with only "Delco Battery" at the top and a space for the "battery" purchase date were used with batteries purchased over-the-counter.

Assembly manuals for '62 – '65 FCs also include the battery warranty pamphlet #3797840 in the Miscellaneous Shipping List, but this is an error since beginning in 1962 the battery warranty was incorporated into the Owner Protection Plan booklets.

1962 Dispatch Box

For 1962 – '65, a new vehicle owner would find the document envelop, owners guide, and warranty booklet in the glovebox. Greenbriers also received the Sportswagon brochure.

In the 1962 booklet (1) errors of the '61 manual were corrected - the push button radio was deleted and the engine used to show the powerglide dipstick is once again an FC engine - but the air cleaner location image is still a car engine. The manual was also updated to reflect vehicle design changes. Owners no longer needed to know how to operate a manual choke but are given guidance on driving with the new optional positraction differential. Instructions were also added for operating the redesigned side door latches - gone was the flipper-type handle between the intermediate doors. Updated images no longer showed a lock on the outside of the forward side door nor the words "ASH TRAY" on the ash tray handle.

There were other subtle changes as well, many of which seem trivial, such as changing the font of the section titles from all capitals to title case, and instructions for removing the ash that no longer involved "cleaning". Both the '62 FC and the Corvair Car Owners Guides are odd as the only booklets I've found to have the part number printed in two different locations: on the back cover and on page one. The promo sheet for other Chevrolet literature often found inserted at the end of the 1961 booklet,

NEW GENERAL MOTORS VEHICLE
DELCO BATTERY
OWNER'S ADJUSTED SERVICE POLICY CERTIFICATE
This Delco battery is covered by the terms of the Warranty and Adjusted Service Policy for _____ months of service in normal passenger car use and in trucks through one ton. For other types of passenger car use, such as taxicabs or police cars, and for trucks over one ton and school buses, see your car, truck or Delco battery dealer to determine the months of service applicable to your particular vehicle.

- SOLD TO _____
- STREET _____
- CITY _____ STATE _____
- VEHICLE MAKE _____
- YEAR AND MODEL _____
- DATE VEHICLE PURCHASED _____
- BATTERY CAT. NO. _____
- CODE DATE _____

8. REPLACEMENT (NEW) BATTERY WILL BE WARRANTED FOR NOT LESS THAN 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION.

CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY
DEALER'S NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____

VALID ONLY IN U.S.A. AND CANADA
Form No. 748
Rev. 1-59

NEW GENERAL MOTORS VEHICLE
DELCO BATTERY
OWNER'S ADJUSTED SERVICE POLICY CERTIFICATE
This Delco battery is covered by the terms of the Warranty and Adjusted Service Policy for 24 months of service in normal passenger car use and in trucks through one ton. For other types of passenger car use, such as taxicabs or police cars, and for trucks over one ton and school buses, see your car, truck or Delco battery dealer to determine the months of service applicable to your particular vehicle.

- SOLD TO _____
- STREET _____
- CITY _____ STATE _____
- VEHICLE MAKE _____
- YEAR AND MODEL _____
- DATE VEHICLE PURCHASED _____
- BATTERY CAT. NO. _____
- CODE DATE _____

8. REPLACEMENT (NEW) BATTERY WILL BE WARRANTED FOR NOT LESS THAN 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF INSTALLATION.

CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY
DEALER'S NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____

VALID ONLY IN U.S.A. AND CANADA
Form No. 749

DELCO BATTERY
STANDARD WARRANTY AND ADJUSTED SERVICE POLICY CERTIFICATE
This Delco battery is covered by the terms of the Warranty and Adjusted Service Policy for 24 MONTHS OF SERVICE

SOLD TO Anderson's Sheet Metal Works, Inc.
STREET 30 W. Heat St.
CITY Winchester STATE Va.

VEHICLE MAKE Chevrolet
YEAR AND MODEL 1961 Chevrolet
DATE BATTERY PURCHASED 4/11/61
BATTERY CAT. NO. 459
CODE DATE _____

TYPE OF INSTALLATION AND SERVICE
 Passenger Car and Truck Through One Ton Farm, Ind. Tractor and Generator
 All On Highway Vehicles Over One Ton, Taxicabs and Police Cars Marine Applications with Generator and Regulator
 Marine Power Application All Other Applications

CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY
B. & W. Chev. Sales Co.
STREET 505 N. Loudoun St.
CITY Winchester STATE Va.

VALID ONLY IN U.S.A. AND CANADA
(NOT TRANSFERABLE)

1961 Battery Warranty Pamphlets. #748 (blue) and #749 (green) for new vehicle batteries; #751 (yellow) for over-the-counter batteries.

became the last page of the '62 manual. The only revisions in the second edition were the tire specifications on page 26 and engine lubrication instructions on page 28.

In the 1962 export Owner Guide (2) the text on pages 26 and 28 is the same as the first edition of the domestic market Owner Guide and errors have been corrected as noted above. This export booklet does not have the literature sales promo pages at the end.

The Owner Protection Plan for Greenbriers came in three editions. As of the first edition (3), the vehicle battery warranty was now included in the OPP booklet along with two detachable battery replacement Warranty Certificates. The only changes in the 2nd edition (3, same cover as first edition) were to the recommended maintenance lists associated with the Guardian Maintenance coupons. In the 3rd edition (4), which has a modified cover with black text, the statement “*Services and material to be paid for by the owner*” was added to those lists.

Beginning in 1962, the Greenbrier Sportswagon brochure was printed in full color but was just a folded pamphlet. The descriptions of the camper package are much shorter, only three other types of optional equipment are included, and non-GM camping equipment are eliminated.

We will look at the '63 – '65 glovebox booklets in the next Stock Was . . . installment.



1962 Glovebox: 1 – Owners Guide # 3798326 (two editions); **2** – Owners Guide, Export Version #3798342; **3 & 4** – Greenbrier warranty booklet #3817687 edition one and two (**3**) and edition three; **5** – R10 warranty booklet #3817688; **6** – Greenbrier Sports Wagon brochure #3822013.