

# Running changes in 1964 Corvair Cars

This is a work in progress which attempts to document known running changes in Corvair cars for the 1964 model year. I am not noting changes in specifications or part numbers, just changes that affect the appearance or operation of the vehicles. I attempt to indicate the approximate date that such changes took place, based on my own research of original cars and study of documents, but I indicate with a question mark when I am uncertain or more study is needed. Photos of before and after changes are imbedded in the document.

As this is a work in progress, I welcome feedback and assistance!

**09C: Trunk Vents** – the vents in the right and left rear corners of the trunk were changed to stamped louvered vents. The exact date of the changeover occurred early in the 1964 model year – all cars built before 09C have the earlier style.



Right Rear Trunk Corner – late '63-early '64



Right Rear Trunk Corner – 09C 1964



Left Rear Trunk Corner – 1961-early 1964



Left Rear Trunk Corner – 09c 1964

**10A?? Horn Wire Clip:** - (Needs more research to figure out the date of change.)

At the beginning of the model year a separate clip held the horn wire to the body seam in the trunk floor; later on the clip was changed to a welded tab that could be bent over the wire:



09C Horn wire clip



04A Horn Wire clip

**12A Blower Belt Guides:** All Corvair engines produced after November 29, 1963 were equipped with Blower Belt Guides, as noted in Technical Service Bulletin #982, dated March 18, 1964. NOTE: AC engines with the condenser mounted over the blower (1964-65) never used the upper belt guide as it would've interfered with the condenser shroud; however, AC engines built after 11/29/1963 would've had an upper shroud with mounting point for the guide – the holes would've been plugged with the normal guide bolts.

**12B? Trunk Lid Letters:** The C O R V A I R letters on the trunk lid were initially of the push-in style (same as on the Deck lid), but due to issues with water getting under them and causing rust, were converted to screw-in style sometime around mid-December of 1963. We have found some cars with later build dates (up to 02D) with the push-in style, but no cars earlier than 12B with the screw-in style. It's thought that the changeover probably occurred around 12B but excess inventory was used up on a few later builds.



09C Trunk Lid with push-in letters



04A Trunk lid with screw-in letters

**01A? Oil Bath Precleaner** – Originally the same as the 1963 style with dual air cleaners, this changed to the late model style around the beginning of 1964. The exact date will probably never be known, as many of these were added or removed over time and there is no documentation of the option on the car itself. It would be nice to have documentation from original cars with known history.



10C Oil Bath Pre-Cleaner



05C Oil Bath Pre-Cleaner

**01A Seat Belts** – Front Seat Belts were optional until January 1, 1964, at which point they became standard.

- Prior to 01A, RPO A37 (Fisher tag ACC code 5V) added Custom Deluxe front seat belts.
- Beginning with 01A, RPO A49 (Fisher tag ACC code 5W) upgraded the standard belts to Custom Deluxe Seat Belts with retractors, and RPO A62 (Fisher tag ACC code 50) deleted the standard belts.

**01A? Fawn Interior** (Fisher interior Paint code F): The exact date or reason for the change is not precisely known, nor is it documented in any literature we've found, but it appears that all cars with Fawn interiors built in the first part of the model year (so far up through 11D) use Medium Fawn paint to trim the doors and rear quarters, whereas all cars from 01A onwards use Light Fawn to trim those area



10C Fawn Interior



04C Fawn Interior

**02A? Deck Lid Vents and Weatherstrip:** Modification made to the rear under end of the Deck Lid to close off 6 of the 8 drainage holes and elongate the rear weatherstrip to reduce the likelihood of tailpipe emissions being drawn back into the engine compartment. The earliest car I've seen with this change has body code 02A, with some as late as 04A still with the original style.



01C Deck Lid with 8 drain holes and shorter weatherstrip



04A Deck Lid with 2 drain holes and longer weatherstrip

**02C? Vented Battery caps** These were added right around the same time as the Deck Lid modifications, to eliminate possibility of battery acid fumes being drawn into the heater system. Cars with this modification can be identified by the presence of the small oval hole in the right rear wall of the battery box (for the hoses). As with the deck lid changes, there is some variability in the date codes: the earliest code with the hole is 02C, whereas the latest without the hole is 02D



04A Battery Box with oval hole for battery vent hoses