



1972 Buick GS Stage 1 Convertible Zone Office Cars

- Buick built 81 GS Stage 1 convertibles for the 1972 model year, all at the Flint, Michigan assembly plant.
- The first 25 Stage 1 convertibles, built in August of '71, were sent directly to the Buick Zone Offices across the USA.
- All 25 Zone Office cars were painted Flame Orange (trim tag paint code 65, code Z on the order form), with a white convertible top (trim tag code A, code 1 on the order form), and a white bench seat interior (trim tag code 135 A65, code 245 on the order form).
- All 25 Zone Office cars were built with the exact same list of options: Stage 1 performance option, turbo hydra-matic 400 transmission, power disc brakes, power steering-fast variable ratio, sonomatic radio (AM), stereo tape player, rear speaker, through bumper exhaust extensions, super wide oval group (G60-15 tires with 15x7 chrome road wheels), air conditioner, color coordinated custom front & rear seat belts, soft-ray tinted windshield, front and rear bumper guards, bumper strips front & rear, outside rear view sport mirrors, tilt steering column, convenience group (lighting), instrument gauges with rallye clock, and a rallye steering wheel.
- The order #s for the 25 Zone Office cars were RR0107-0131. The cars were not built in the same order as the order #. As an example, order # RR0117 was the 2nd car built.
- The VIN range for the 25 Zone Office cars was approximately 2,000 units.

- The invoice date for 21 of the Zone Office cars was 8/26/71 (Thursday), one more was invoiced on 8/27 (Friday), two were invoiced on 8/30 (Monday), and the last one on 9/1 (Wednesday).
- The body # stamped on the firewall body tag does not correlate to the VIN and are not always in order. As an example, a car with a higher VIN may have a lower body # than a car that was built earlier with a lower VIN.
- There were three more Stage 1 convertibles built with Flame Orange paint and white tops, but these were not sent to Buick Zone Offices. These cars do not have the exact same option combination as the Zone Office cars. There was one built in April, May, and June of '72.
- Invoice dollar amounts for the 25 Zone Office cars are not all exactly the same because the destination charges vary depending on which region the car was being sent to.
- Currently four of the 25 Zone Office cars are in the Stage 1 Registry (www.stage1registry.com)
- The unit sent to the Atlanta, Georgia Zone Office (VIN 100048) was the 2nd Stage 1 convertible built in '72, and the 3rd Stage 1 overall (the very first '72 Stage 1 was a hardtop).

Buick Zone Offices		
Zone	City	State
01	Boston	MA
02	New York	NY
03	Philadelphia	PA
04	Washington D.C.	VA
05/29	Newark	NJ
06	Pittsburgh	PA
07	Detroit	MI
08	Cleveland	OH
09	Cincinnati	OH
10	Chicago	IL
12	St. Louis	MO
13	Kansas City	MO/KS?
15	Minneapolis	MN

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18	Atlanta	GA
19	Memphis	TN
20	Oklahoma City	OK
21	Dallas	TX
22	Charlotte	NC
23	San Francisco	CA
24	Los Angeles	CA
25	Portland	OR
27	Denver	CO
30	Milwaukee	WI
31	Jacksonville	FL
32	Houston	TX