

# 1983 GT Convertible Mystery Now Solved!

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My curiosity did not get the best of me until the 73rd person called to ask about his 1983 GT Mustang convertible being one of only 49 produced.

Finally it dawned on me that these figures just did not add up. Being the wife of a Gold Card judge for late model Mustangs, I felt a certain obligation to investigate this mystery.

Knowing that Cars and Concepts Inc. of Brighton, MI does all the convertible conversions for Ford, I decided to call them for verification or denial of these figures. While they could not confirm these numbers, they were very helpful in tracking down accurate, verifiable information. After several conversations with our contact at Cars and Concepts, we had a name and number for a reliable source at Ford.

Questions in hand, I wasted no time placing the call. Our source proved to have all the information we needed. Of course, the first question was, "What were the production figures for the 1983 Mustang GT convertible?"

The number 49 proved to be in error, as actual production was 993 cars. Though much larger than 49, 993 is still a very low production figure. These cars were available in seven colors: black, white, medium charcoal, silver, medium red, bright red and bright bittersweet. Only three interior colors were offered — black, white or red. Tops were available in three colors: black, white or dark blue.

Some Mustang owners may be disappointed to find out their car is not as rare as they thought (or hoped). However, it is the opinion of some knowledgeable collectors that the controversy surrounding the production numbers of these cars has created an instant collector car. Let's not lose sight of the reason these cars were built in the first place: drop the top and enjoy the sun on your face and the breeze blowing through your hair. It would be hard to put a price on that feeling.

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