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Chevy Donates Soccer Balls to Detroit Kids

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a soccer game using a ball of trash tied up with twine.

It was then that Jahnigen decided to develop a ball that would play like a real soccer ball but would not be destroyed by the harsh conditions often facing young soccer players in many parts of the world.

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GM's New Engine Perks Up 2014 Corvette Performance

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volume sales vehicles such as the Silverado and the Sierra.

"This gen-5 engine is an improvement all around in terms of efficiency," Jocsak said.

"And it's been able to maintain its relatively small size and that's what sets it apart from other engines in other pickup trucks of similar size. It's certainly smaller than the engine used in Toyota's truck in the same category."

When asked where GM goes next, in terms of engine technology, Jocsak said, "We will continue to look for more efficiencies."

He added that improvements to the 2014 Corvette Stingray went beyond just using a new and better engine.

"We, of course, improved the engine for the 2014 Corvette Stingray," Jocsak said. "But we also improved things like the interior of the vehicle."

So, among other improvements made to the interior, the new Corvette Stingray has a new and better-designed steering wheel as well as new and improved seats.

"By improving these details, we make the Corvette a better car," Jocsak said. "But when you think about it, it makes sense. These are the parts of the car that people actually touch and interact with. By making them better, it makes the driving experience better."

Jocsak said that while people have shown some interest in the new gen-5 engine GM has on display at the SAE Congress, their real interest seems to be in looking at the actual Corvette they

are showing at the company's booth at SAE Congress 2013 at Cobo Center.

"This booth gives people a chance to get close to the new Stingray," Jocsak said. "I'm an engineer and am proud of the work we put into the engine, but people here at the SAE Congress seem more interested in the styling."

"So that shows that the work we put into looks and interior matter. And we are getting some questions about the engine as well."

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Jeff Jocsak showed off the new Stingray at the recent SAE Congress.

Chrysler Centers Its Attention on Existing Technologies

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Chrysler's new vehicles.

"This is patented technology," Mayne said. "It's exclusive to Chrysler is able to deliver better efficiency to a vehicle. This is both in terms of performance and fuel economy. This technology will be used in Chrysler's 2.4 'tigershark' engine that goes with the Dart as well as the Cherokee."

Chrysler's Cherokee is also able to achieve efficiencies with its driveline system, Mayne said. He said the driveline is the part of the axle that spins the wheel.

The Chrysler driveline used in the Cherokee four-wheel-drive package is able to disconnect the rear wheel from the driveline without suffering any "parasitic drivetrain loss," Mayne said.

So when a driver of the new

Cherokee decides that he or she doesn't need four-wheel drive because of the terrain the vehicle is being driven on, that driver can turn off the four-wheel drive confident that the vehicle won't lose any power. While competitive systems by OEMs can shift from four-wheel to two-wheel drive, they can't without experiencing the aforementioned parasitic drivetrain loss, Mayne said.

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