

The Boss...

I was 21, newly graduated and about to start my first job at a packaging company called Metal Box. Probably for the first time in my life I had some spare money in my pocket - I'd just received a small inheritance from my grandmother and had just bought my first car - a bright green Citroen Diane! I had money leftover and was looking for some portable music - I would be travelling around the country, living out of a suitcase for the first few months of employment and there is no radio in a Citroen Diane.

On a hot summers day in Ormskirk I purchased what would be described today as a ghetto blaster for a whopping £120 and Bruce Springsteen's double album - The River. It was a Sony radio cassette with 2 big speakers. I recorded the album onto cassette straightaway as I was leaving the next day - it just fitted onto a C90.

The next day I picked up a new colleague at the Parbold M6 motorway junction and we set off for Reading. The Sony wedged nicely on top of our gear on the back seat. The journey took 3 hours and choice of music was limited so we listened to The River on repeat the whole way. What a BLAST!

For the next couple of months we commuted weekly to Reading in my Green Citroen Diane, driven accompanied by the pulsating sounds of the Boss at high volume - Cadillac, Hungry Heart and of course The River were all favourites!

Cheers!

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