

## Andy Bridport Car History

- 1) Black **Mini Metro**. Sounded like a lawn mower. No fond memories apart from it being my 1st car. It ate my favourite tape - a Paul Oakenfold mix recorded off the radio. I hated it for that.
- 2) Gold **Peugeot 305 Estate**. My Grandad gave it to me after I he couldn't drive any more. It struggled up hills to the extent that I was overtaken by pedestrians. No tape deck, just an AM radio. Didn't last long
- 3) Black **Peugeot 306**. Nice. 1st decent car. Went faster in 2nd than either of the previous 2 at top speed. Great sound system = many happy hours driving.
- 4) White **Nissan Micra**. Piss poor car, in fact a throwback to the Metro days but it was free and cheap to run just when I needed a car that was free and cheap to run. Lived near Clapham Junction railway station so the white finish quickly turned to an indelible rust brown. Surprisingly good stereo and the first to feature a cd player. Now that's luxury!
- 5) Blue **Peugeot 806**. With small children came the inevitable skirmish with the people carrier. Big, bulky and a horrible vehicle - like driving a paving slab. Not even a multi-change cd player could save it from a visit to the pages of auto-trader. Was partially eaten by our dogs which did not really bother me at the time.
- 6) Silver **Izuzu Trooper**. From the frying pan into the fire. Belched black smoke from the word go and put the fear of god into all who drove it. Was that horrible that I can't even remember the sound system. Was probably inaudible above the din of the engine.
- 7) Green **Subaru Legacy**. Brilliant. Smooth, spacious and handled wonderfully. Typically it died when the automatic gearbox had had enough. My brother in law bought it with the promise of fixing it but the poor thing came to a sticky end after he took a sledgehammer to it after a drunken party. Nice. Oh yeah - fitted my own stereo to it so was clearly the best yet.
- 8) Purple **Toyota Carina E**. Another oldie but a goodie. Had done countless miles before I took ownership and did countless more with me behind the wheel. Solid performer but someone had fitted some great speakers so I loved it until my head was turned by .....
- 9) Black **Golf GTI turbo**. V reg but a total beauty. 1st car to be really proud of. ipod connectivity sealed the deal. Started to go a bit wrong - so once again my brother in law bought it - this time it's still looking good and zipping around.
- 10) Silver 1999 **Mercedes C180**. Given to me by my mother-in-law as she

bought a new Volvo. Another automatic that doesn't really work very well.  
Poor speakers that I can't be arsed to change as I want out.