Subject: Good Driving Music
Posted by elektratig on Sun, 06 Mar 2005 11:51:30 GMT
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For the past six months, in an otherwise ever-changing lineup, two cds have remained constants in my car's cd changer: "The Very Best of Buck Owens" Volumes I and II (Rhino).I am not going to tell you that Buck Owens' music is profound. I am going to tell you that his songs are great driving music: catchy tunes that seem to get better as you become more familiar with them; vocals that are fun to sing along with (with a fake country accent); tempos that are upbeat and fun; little twists that I find amusing (e.g., the pseudo-Asian sound of "Made in Japan"). In short, Buck Owens put out a stream of fun, upbeat pop hits with a country overlay that are perfect accompaniments for driving -- neither too heavy nor too aggressive. Even when some jerk cuts me off, I just keep on smiling, singing along and tapping my (left) foot.Technically, the discs sound just fine to me -- but then again I've never heard them outside my car!
 "The Very Best of BuckOwens Vol. I"

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Does that CD have some of the live stuff from the L.A.Arena show? He sounded great then and his band the Buckeroos; I believe had Scotty Moore on guitar, although I might be mistaken on that. I think the original axe man didn't make that recording and Scotty filled in.If I may; The L.A. Freeway Live album by Jerry Jeff Walker and friends is very much of the same ilk. A phenomenal rendering of "One Too Many Mornings".I like Merle much and George Jones also.

Subject: Re: Good Driving Music
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MB,No, the only live cut on either disc is Johnny B. Goode on Volume 2, recorded live in London (of all places). All of the other songs, I believe, are the original single versions.God, I haven't thought of Jerry Jeff Walker in decades -- I think I saw him circa 1973! I'll follow up on your suggestion. Thanks.