

# The little car with



# X appeal

Ian Lamming funks it up in the new Toyota Aygo

## Fact File

Toyota Aygo

Engine: 1.0 petrol

Power: 68BHP

0-62mph: 14.2secs

Top speed: 99mph

Combined miles per gallon: 68.9

Transmission:

five-speed manual

CO2 g/km: 95

**D**AUGHTER was just 17, had just passed her test and needed a car.

I'd been squirreling away the money for years and while shopping wasn't normally one of my favourite pastimes, this was the exception.

Aygo was the stand-out choice for her and for me. For a teenager it was funky, groovy (is this the right language?), on trend. The interior combined motorbike clocks with contemporary dash making it hip and happening, while there were pluggy, sockety things for her smartphone, iPod, GHDs?

The little Toyota was also fun to drive, easy to park and very economical – what more could a young girl want?

For dad the Aygo was safe (ABS and airbags), it actually sounded great thanks to a rorty three cylinder motor and it felt planted and secure on the road. It was also a Toyota, so reliability was a given and I bought the demonstrator saving me a bob or two. Everyone was happy and the Aygo secured a place in my heart.

Six years later she turns up at the house (don't worry I have seen her in the interim) in her new car, a Suzuki (what?), ironically and without her realizing, that I have the new Aygo on test.

In six years the old Aygo had needed little more than

attention than a leaky rear light cluster. In its life, including three years in Liverpool, during which time it was spattered with flower transfers to keep thieves successfully at bay, it had battled through all weathers across the Pennines. Good job.

So what about the new one? Would daughter have liked it?

Oh yeh! The willing little triple still sips at the petrol but sings a glorious song. It feels safe, secure and as well built as ever and the packaging has moved on in leaps, bounds and bundles.

New Aygo is completely uptown funk and if you don't believe it just watch. The exterior looks fabulous, distinctive, thoroughly modern and totally fresh. The front has the X-factor, the rear is tidy. The interior is a product of its time with tablet-style touch screen dominating the dash and updated bike clocks telling you the important stuff.

It feels comfortable, light and spacious and the smooth running throttle, clutch and gear lever make Aygo simply a pleasure to drive.

There's no longer one in the family but it hasn't stopped me thinking just as fondly of the little Aygo, which is better than ever.

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