

55 Cadillac

55 Cadillac is the fourth studio album by American musician Andrew W.K., released in the US on September 1, 2009, in the UK on September 7,^[9] and on September 8, 2009 through Ecstatic Peace! on vinyl format and W.K.'s own record label, Skyscraper Music Maker. *55 Cadillac* is an instrumental solo piano album featuring "new-age" spontaneous solo piano improvisations and was recorded in Cleveland, Ohio.^[1]

Writing about the album's release in *The Guardian*, Andrew W.K. stated that he wanted *55 Cadillac* "to sound like freedom," partially inspired by the end of legal troubles that had plagued the release of his third album *Close Calls with Brick Walls*, continuing: "The sound of a piano being played by a free man - nothing more, nothing less. This was the first chance in almost 10 years where I was allowed to simply play and record an instrument - no songwriters, no lyrics to learn, no overdubs, no slow fixes, no remixes, no video shoots or interview practice - just the sound of someone sitting in room playing piano for the sake of it. No one telling me what to play, or how to play it. And no masterplans, high-concept visions, worldwide goals with roll-out schedules. No style consultants or acting coaches. No more meetings with sponsors or computerized yelling. No more threats."^[12]

Track listing

No.	Title	Length
1.	"Begin the Engine"	8:47
2.	"Seeing the Car"	2:57
3.	"Night Driver"	6:34
4.	"Central Park Cruiser"	2:29
5.	"5"	4:46
6.	"City Time"	5:21
7.	"Car Nightmare"	4:50
8.	"Cadillac"	3:53

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Released	September 1, 2009
Recorded	2009
Genre	<u>New-age</u> ^[1] · <u>rock</u> ^[2]
Length	39:37
Label	<u>Ecstatic Peace!</u> · Skyscraper Music Maker
Producer	Andrew W.K.

Andrew W.K. chronology

<i>A Wild Pear</i> (2009)	55 Cadillac (2009)	<i>Gundam Rock</i> (2009)
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Professional ratings

Aggregate scores	
Source	Rating
<i>AnyDecentMusic?</i>	5.1/10 ^[3]
<i>Metacritic</i>	59/100 ^[4]
Review scores	
Source	Rating
<i>AllMusic</i>	★★★★★ ^[5]
<i>The A.V. Club</i>	B ^[6]
<i>Drowned in Sound</i>	6/10 ^[7]
<i>Mojo</i>	★★★★★ ^[8]
<i>PopMatters</i>	3/10 ^[9]
<i>Slant Magazine</i>	★★★★★ ^[10]
<i>Uncut</i>	★★★★★ ^[11]

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