



The Tyne and Wear Metro began 27 years ago in 1980 and the first two trains we tested, Numbers 4001 and 4002, are still being used today. Number 4001 is still painted in its original livery.

We have 90 trains known as Metrocars that were built by a company called Metro-Cammell in Birmingham.

Metro trains are powered by electricity from overhead power lines that work at a voltage of 1500 volts compared with the voltage in your home which is 240 volts.

Some Metro trains are specially painted with adverts about things to do or places to go.



Metro trains can travel at a top speed of 80 kilometres per hour (50 miles per hour).