

- The Tyne and Wear Metro began 27 years ago in 1980. The first two trains tested, Numbers 4001 and 4002, are still being used today.
- Metro has 90 trains (known as Metrocars) that were built by a company called Metro-Cammell in Birmingham
- Metro trains can travel at a top speed of 80 kilometres per hour (50 miles per hour).
- 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
- Metro is the only rail system in Britain using electricity at a voltage of 1500 volts DC
- Metro trains are maintained and repaired by Metro at its own depot at South Gosforth where most of the trains are parked at night
- Some Metro trains are specially painted with adverts or to commemorate special events

