

Ray's Misery and My New Car

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I once heard that a wise man learns from his mistakes and a happy man learns from the mistakes of others. While I wouldn't say [Ray Camden](#) made a mistake in buying a Mini Cooper, he has certainly been [suffering](#) as a result. I feel his pain and fear looking at our Mini someday in the way he looks at his.

He is not alone in this, I have heard others complaining about trouble with their Mini Coopers as well.

So, since we were needing a more practical car soon anyway, we decided to trade in our Mini Cooper while we still have fond memories of it.

We traded it for a new Honda Element. Among the best features is an auxiliary input which (once I get an iPod) will allow me to listen to [ColdFusion Podcast](#) and [ColdFusion Weekly](#) on my way to and from client meetings.

The removable back-seats and wipe-off floors aren't bad either.

Here is the before and after:

