



# BARAN RECORDS

Little is known about the musical career of the charming young girl seen on [this video](#).

We know that Olga Voskonyan used to go on tour with a soviet group «Bioconstructor» for a short time in 1989 in USSR. Apparently «Avtomobili» was one of her first songs co-written back then together with the «Bioconstructor» leader Alexander Yakovlev. This song was written specially for the popular soviet science television program called «Аукцион Это Вы Можете». An episode of this program where this song was broadcasted was dedicated to home-made cars and featured a unique soviet Lamborghini-like model called «Pangolina» (Панголина). The chilly synth-pop music was written and composed by Alexander Yakovlev whilst the lyrics, humanizing cars and their hard destiny were taken from the popular science magazine called «Technics for the youth» (Техника — молодежи). Later Olga Voskonyan became a member of a group «БИО» and was working there as singer and a keyboardist during 1993—1996.

The Pangolina sport car, which appears towards the end of this videoclip, has an interesting history on its own. Built between 1980—1984 by a soviet amateur engineer Alexander Kulygin from Ukhta, this car gained nation wide fame in USSR after its release. Initially desigend after a Lamborghini Countach, only one



model was built and it was based exclusively upon the parts of conventional soviet cars. It was a miracle of home made production and featured some interesting technological oddities like periscope instead of a rear view mirror for example. Besides it was quite fast too due to improved aerodynamics. Pangolina took part in numerous car exhibitions and was shown in a couple of TV broadcasts including «Аукцион ЭВМ». Its design was constantly changing from one exhibition to another and it even survived a small car crash.

The story of its creator, Alexander Kulygin is interesting too: after Pangolina's success he was invited to work in the experimental section of the АЗЛК — one of the biggest soviet car manufacturing factories of that time. He didn't work there for long and had to leave because of the standardization issues. In the 90's Alexander has left Soviet Union and established his own kit car manufacturing company in the USA. Sadly this talented engineer died in a car crash in 2004. The destiny of Pangolina is quite sad too: heavily and tastelessly modified by subsequent owners, this car remains partly preserved and resides in a private collection today.

«Avtomobili» was never previously released and it is available now as a special limited edition. It is not a record in a classical sense — it is a postcard with audio on one side and you can send it to your friends as a musical greeting. And if you wish you may play this postcard on your turntable. WARNING: since the sound quality of this playable postcard is quite far from perfect due to exotic technology of its production, you get a download coupon for high resolution digital audio files (mp3 320kbps + FLAC) in addition to every purchase. Please keep in mind that this is a postcard in the first place and not a hi-fi product! Hopefully this track will be presented on our further releases on vinyl in the future together with more music by this artist.

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