

= Love Machine (Girls Aloud song) =

" Love Machine " is a song recorded by British girl group Girls Aloud from their second studio album , What Will the Neighbours Say ? (2004) . It was released by Polydor Records on 13 September 2004 , as the second single from the album . The song was written by Miranda Cooper , Brian Higgins , Tim Powell , Nick Coler , Lisa Cowling , Myra Boyle , and Shawn Lee . The instrumentation was inspired by The Smiths , and created by Powell and Coler . " Love Machine " is an uptempo pop rock and teen pop song with elements of the 1980 synthpop . The single was received favourably by contemporary music critics , who deemed it as joyful track that was different from the single releases by other artists at the time . According to research carried out for Nokia in 2006 , " Love Machine " is the second " most exhilarating " song ever .

" Love Machine " debuted and peaked at number 2 on the UK Singles Chart , continuing the band 's string of hits by becoming their sixth consecutive single to chart within the top three . The song also peaked inside the top ten in Europe and Ireland . The accompanying music video was directed by Stuart Gosling , and portrays the five members in a nightclub / restaurant scene dancing and sipping champagne whilst singing their pop number . Girls Aloud performed " Love Machine " on all of their tours and on several live appearances , including at Disney Channel Kids Awards , TMF Awards 2005 , and at The Girls Aloud Party TV special in 2008 . English indie rock band Arctic Monkeys covered the song on BBC Radio 1 's Live Lounge .

= = Background and release = =

Following a brief hiatus , Polydor Records enlisted Brian Higgins and Xenomania to produce Girls Aloud 's second album in its entirety , following the success of their debut album Sound of the Underground . Higgins explained that Polydor were not going to continue with the group 's contract unless he produced songs for the album . He continued , saying that his initial reaction was that he thought he would only be required to produce a couple of songs , however Polydor insisted that he produce the album in its entirety and that they thought only he understood what they wanted . The album was recorded from April to September 2004 , although its lead single " The Show " was released in June 2004 . Bandmate Nicola Roberts said that " Love Machine " was recorded in 18 parts over three days . Roberts also revealed that the band initially was in disagreement with Polydor regarding its release as a single , with Sarah Harding adding that all the girls wanted to release " Deadlines & Diets " instead .

However , " Love Machine " was picked as the second single from What Will the Neighbours Say ? , being released on 13 September 2004 . " The pressure to come up with singles was , as always , immense . But [...] we were able to have a lot of fun working on ideas that were maybe a little too odd to be on the radio , " Higgins said . It was released on three different CD single formats , as well as an additional 7 " picture disc , making it Girls Aloud 's first single available on vinyl . The first disc included a Flip & Fill remix of " The Show " . For the sleeve of the second CD , Artwork design group Form invented five fake magazines , one for each member , and used " Love Machine " lyrics as the headlines . The disc included an exclusive previously unreleased b @-@ side entitled " Androgynous Girls " , which had been initially considered to be released as the lead single of the album . The Gravitas Disco Mix of " Love Machine " was also included . The maxi @-@ CD also included a task @-@ based game , created by design agency Holler . The 7 " picture disc included the radio edit and Tony Lamezma Remix of " Love Machine " .

= = Composition = =

" Love Machine " was written by Miranda Cooper , Brian Higgins , Tim Powell , Nick Coler , Lisa Cowling , Myra Boyle , Shawn Lee . They came up with some of the song 's lyrics by singing " nonsense lyrics " over a backing track , which eventually evolved into real songwords . The instrumentation track was inspired by The Smiths , and created by Powell and Coler . It is a pop rock and teen pop written in C major with a time signature in common time and a tempo of 88 beats per

minute . The vocal range from the band members spans from F3 to B4 . An early demo of " Love Machine " was included on the compilation album Popjustice : 100 % Solid Pop Music , and later on an official Girls Aloud singles boxset ; this version was sung by band members Cheryl Cole , Nadine Coyle and Sarah Harding only , and featured radically different lyrics from the released version , even excluding the phrase " Love Machine " . One of the song 's lyrics , " What will the neighbours say / This time ? " inspired the album 's title , and it is a reference to Girls Aloud 's debut single , where Cole sings , " Neighbours banging on the bathroom wall " . MusicOMH contributor John Murphy noted the track uses " a guitar line that sounds like it 's been nicked from an old rockabilly tune " , and compared its composition to other " ' 80s synth pop songs . "

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

The track received generally favourable reviews from music critics . Alexis Petridis of The Guardian considered " The Show " and " Love Machine " as the " perfect examples of Xenomania 's uniquely rousing approach to pop , " adding that the latter " sounds , incredibly , like the Smiths ' Rusholme Ruffians colliding head @-@ on with that band 's musical nemesis , chirpy 1980s synth @-@ pop . " A reviewer for Virgin Media stated the song 's " bouncy drums , perky guitars and ditsy lyrics will probably cause a seizure , " and commented further , saying that " it sounds so unlike anything else in the charts right now ... proving once again that they 're still one of the most exciting bands in pop right now . " The song was a Track Pick from the Allmusic review of What Will the Neighbours Say ? by Sharon Mawer , while Robert Copsey of Digital Spy stated that , despite having many previous releases , it wasn 't until " Love Machine " , " a swinging , big band track with ludicrous lyrics ? that they were thrust into the wider public consciousness . " A BBC Music critic , however , called it " upbeat but not particularly tuneful " . According to research carried out for Nokia in 2006 , " Love Machine " is the second " most exhilarating " song ever , after " Song 2 " by Blur .

= = = Chart performance = = =

On the week ending 2 October 2004 , " Love Machine " debuted at number 2 on the UK Singles Chart , being held of the top spot by " Call on Me " by Eric Prydz . It stayed at the same position the following week , before falling to number 8 . The song also reached number six on the UK Downloads Chart , and eventually became the band 's 7th best @-@ selling single in the UK . " Love Machine " also debuted and peaked at number 8 on the European Hot 100 Singles , staying on the top ten for two weeks . In Ireland , the song debuted at number nine on 16 September 2004 , and remained at the same position for three weeks , becoming Girls Aloud 's first single to fail to enter the top five . It spent one last week in the top ten at number ten . " Love Machine " also entered the Dutch chart Single Top 100 on 14 May 2005 at number 52 , before falling of the chart after 4 weeks .

= = Music video = =

The accompanying music video for " Love Machine " was directed by Stuart Gosling for Image Dynamic Pictures , and filmed at the Titanic restaurant on London 's Brewer Street . Gosling shot the project on 35mm film to give it the desired sleek , stylised , polished and glossy look . Girls Aloud members stopped in at Camden Post to view the footage and were impressed with the final results of it . The video depicts a nightclub / restaurant scene with the five women dancing and sipping champagne at the location whilst singing their pop number . A caption at the start of the video identifies the location as " The Eskimo Club " , which explains the otherwise meaningless song lyrics " Let 's go eskimo " .

= = Live performances = =

" Love Machine " was promoted through several live performances , including at the Disney Channel Kids Awards on 16 September 2004 , and at the Smash Hits Poll Winners Party in 2004 . They also performed it at the Carling Academy London on 10 February 2005 , and at the TMF Awards 2005 in Belgium . The same year , Girls Aloud went on their debut tour , What Will the Neighbours Say ? Live , where they performed " Love Machine " in schoolgirl uniforms . For 2006 's Chemistry Tour , there was an interlude where the group danced to " 1 Thing " by Amerie . There was a similar interlude during 2007 's The Sound of Girls Aloud : The Greatest Hits Tour , where a big band breakdown was included . Also in 2007 , the song was performed at the T4 on the Beach special . " Love Machine " was performed on 2008 's Tangled Up Tour , where the band members wore cabaret inspired costumes . Later that year , the band performed it at The Girls Aloud Party TV special held by ITV1 , and at the V Festival . For 2009 's Out of Control Tour , the song was given a brassier , retro arrangement and included a dance break . On 14 December 2012 , the band appeared on BBC Radio 1 's Live Lounge , performing the song to promote their greatest hits album Ten , and also at The Graham Norton Show the same day . To further promote the greatest hits , " Love Machine " was also included on a promotional megamix . In 2013 , the song was performed during the Ten : The Hits Tour . English indie rock band Arctic Monkeys covered the song on BBC Radio 1 's Live Lounge .

= = Formats and track listings = =

These are the formats and track listings of major single releases of " Love Machine " .

= = Personnel = =

Nadine Coyle ? co @-@ lead vocals
Cheryl Fernandez @-@ Versini ? co @-@ lead vocals
Sarah Harding ? co @-@ lead vocals
Nicola Roberts ? co @-@ lead vocals
Kimberley Walsh ? co @-@ lead vocals

= = Charts = =

= = Certifications = =