

= Overloaded : The Singles Collection =

Overloaded : The Singles Collection is the first greatest hits album of English girl group Sugababes . It was released on 10 November 2006 ? almost one year following the departure of founding member Mutya Buena and the introduction of her replacement , Amelle Berrabah . Overloaded features twelve of the group 's singles , four of which reached number one in the UK . The Sugababes collaborated with members from Orson to produce two new tracks for the album , " Easy " and " Good to Be Gone " . Overloaded received positive reviews from critics , who generally praised it as a reflection of the group 's success .

The album peaked at number three on the UK Albums Chart and was certified Platinum by the British Phonographic Industry (BPI) . By October 2008 , it had sold 600 @, @ 000 copies in the UK . Overloaded also reached the top twenty on the record charts of Ireland and Portugal , and the top forty on the charts in Austria , Denmark , Germany , the Netherlands , Norway and Switzerland . Its lead single " Easy " was released one week prior to the album 's release , and reached the top ten on the singles charts of Slovakia and the United Kingdom . To promote Overloaded , the Sugababes performed at the 100 Club in London and embarked on the album 's accompanying tour in the UK and Ireland from March to April 2007 .

= = Background = =

Shortly following the release of the Sugababes ' fourth studio album , Taller in More Ways , it was announced in December 2005 that founding group member Mutya Buena had left the band . Two singles were subsequently released from the album featuring new group member Amelle Berrabah , who was announced as Buena 's replacement 24 hours after her departure . In June 2006 , the Sugababes began working on their fifth studio album which was confirmed for release in 2007 . However , group member Heidi Range also revealed that a greatest hits album would be released in time for Christmas 2006 , which would include all of the group 's hits . When rumours arose that the release of the album was premature , band member Keisha Buchanan stated that the group had already started to plan a greatest hits album . She explained how it was essential for the album to be released following Buena 's departure , saying : " When Mutya left , we decided it was even more important , we should do this as closure so we don 't have to relive history all the time . " Group member Heidi Range also reflected upon this , saying : " When Mutya was still in the band the greatest hits was always planned for this time anyway . But when she left it seemed even more appropriate . "

= = Release and content = =

Overloaded was released in the UK on 13 November 2006 . In addition , a remix album titled Overloaded : The Remix Collection and a greatest hits DVD , Overloaded : The Videos Collection were released on the same day . Overloaded was not released in the United States , despite being reported that it would be available in the country on 5 December 2006 . According to Dorian Lynskey of The Guardian , the group looks " positively regal " on the album cover . The album contains twelve of the group 's previous singles , four of which reached number one in the UK : " Freak Like Me " , " Round Round " , " Hole in the Head " and " Push the Button " .

The Sugababes collaborated with members from Orson to produce two brand new tracks for the album , " Easy " and " Good to Be Gone " . Buchanan spoke upon the collaboration , saying : " When we started working with the Orson guys the sound just blew us away ? it 's so fresh , but has the same qualities as the biggest songs of our career . It 's perfect for this album . " Range , however , explained how she initially did not like the song in comparison to " Good to Be Gone " . After leaving the studio , she called the other members of the group and spoke of her dissatisfaction with " Easy " . Range realised she enjoyed the song after listening to it the following day , and later named it one of her favourite songs by the group . Despite being titled The Singles Collection , the album does not contain all of the group 's previous singles ; " New Year " , " Soul Sound " , " Angels

with Dirty Faces " and " Follow Me Home " are omitted , although " Run for Cover " is included as a bonus track on the UK version . " Red Dress " was re @-@ recorded to feature the vocals of Berrabah instead of Buena following the latter 's departure from the group .

= = Reception = =

= = = Critical response = = =

Overloaded received positive reviews from critics , who praised the album as a reflection of the group 's success . Andy Kellman of AllMusic rated the album four and a half stars out of five . He praised the tracks as " an ideal introduction " to the Sugababes , and noted that the new songs recorded with Berrabah " indicate that the group hasn 't lost any of its momentum " . Daily Record writer Rick Fulton gave the album a full five @-@ star rating , saying : " Changing members can 't dampen the winning formula of Sugababes ? sassy vocals over electro beats " . He concluded that Overloaded proves the group as the UK 's best . Dorian Lynskey of The Guardian gave the album a four out of five star rating and wrote that the group 's longevity " practically makes them the Status Quo of the genre " .

The Herald Sun 's Cameron Adams noted that Overloaded is a reminder of " what a good pop act " the Sugababes are , although he was less favourable of the new tracks . Stuart McCaighy of This Is Fake DIY concluded that Overloaded is " awash with hits " and is indicative of why the group was named the most successful female act of the 21st century . Tim Fenney from Pitchfork Media rated Overloaded eight and a half out of ten ; he praised the more emotional tracks on the album , writing : " While people may remember the group for their frothy pop , their greatest hits collection Overloaded is equally impressive for its devastatingly earnest balladry " . Gigwise 's Jenna Churchley @-@ Burton described the album as " pure pop perfection at its very best " .

= = = Commercial performance = = =

Overloaded became a commercial success in the UK . It debuted and peaked at number three on the UK Albums Chart , selling 57 @,@ 284 copies in its first week of release , becoming the Sugababes ' fourth consecutive top three album . The following week , it dropped to number eight on sales of 45 @,@ 991 . In its third week on the chart , Overloaded dropped seven places to number 15 , although rebounded to number 11 in its fourth week on sales of 66 @,@ 956 . Overloaded was certified Platinum by the British Phonographic Industry , denoting shipments of 300 @,@ 000 copies . By October 2007 , the album had sold approximately 500 @,@ 000 copies in the UK alone . In October 2008 , Music Week confirmed that the album had sold close to 600 @,@ 000 copies in the UK . Overloaded debuted and peaked at number 12 on the Irish Albums Chart 16 November 2006 . It was later certified Platinum by the Irish Recorded Music Association , denoting shipments of 15 @,@ 000 copies .

Overloaded also achieved commercial success in various other countries . It debuted on the Portuguese Albums Chart at number 28 and peaked at number 15 two weeks later , becoming the group 's only record to chart in Portugal . The album entered the Norwegian Albums Chart at number 40 and reached number 21 two weeks later . Overloaded debuted at number 35 on the Austrian Albums Chart on 24 November 2006 and reached its peak position of number 25 on 8 December 2006 . It spent nine weeks on the chart . The album debuted and peaked at number 29 on the Swiss Albums Chart and lasted nine weeks on the chart . Overloaded reached number 37 on the Dutch Mega Album Top 100 chart , number 38 on the German Albums Chart , and number 43 on the Belgium (Flanders) Ultratop chart . Overloaded peaked at number 34 on the Danish Albums Chart on 24 November 2006 and was certified Gold by the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry , indicating shipments of 20 @,@ 000 copies .

= = Promotion = =

== Singles ==

" Easy " was released on 6 November 2006 as the lead single from Overloaded , one week prior to the album 's release . The song was written by Jason Pebworth and George Astasio in collaboration with the group 's members ? Buchanan , Range and Berrabah . It was produced by Pebworth , Astasio and Brio Taliaferro . This Is Fake DIY 's Stuart McCaighy commended the song 's production and seductive lyrics . " Easy " went top ten in Slovakia and the UK , and reached the top forty in almost every other country it charted in . " Good to Be Gone " was due to be released as the second and final single from the album in early 2007 , although this was soon cancelled after the Sugababes collaborated with fellow girl group Girls Aloud on the Comic Relief single , " Walk This Way " . The song went to number one in the UK .

== Album launch and tour ==

The album launch for Overloaded was held on 3 October 2006 at the 100 Club on Oxford Street , London . The 80 @-@ minute show experienced a power cut and technicians were called to the scene , in which the performance resumed one hour later . Backed by a live band , every track featured on the album was performed . Betty Clarke of The Guardian gave the performance a three out of five star rating , describing them " as glossy as thoroughbreds , styled like Topshop mannequins " , although acknowledging , " when the singing stops , the cracks appear " . A journalist for MTV UK wrote , " Looking fab but not over @-@ styled in skinny jeans , the girls still have the unpolished edge we love ' em for " .

In November 2006 , the Sugababes announced that they would embark on a tour in 2007 to promote Overloaded . The tour comprised 13 show dates in the UK and Ireland , starting from 27 March 2007 in Dublin Point , and ending at the London Wembley Arena on 13 April 2007 , the latter of which was their first headline performance . Amongst the cities they visited included Manchester , Sheffield and Nottingham . The tour also featured a merchandise stall that sold T @-@ shirts with the slogan " I 'm the Next Sugababe " . A journalist for Daily Mirror wrote : " From the still @-@ brilliant ' Overload ' to the tender ' Too Lost in You ' , the hits kept on coming as the crowd screeched louder with every song . " During the tour , the Sugababes performed a cover version of " Rocks " by Scottish alternative rock band , Primal Scream .

== Track listing ==

Notes

== Personnel ==

Credits adapted from AllMusic .

== Charts and certifications ==

== Release history ==