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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 09 Dec 2010 18:54:10 GMT  
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Posted by [Jean\[2\]](#) on Thu, 09 Dec 2010 18:58:32 GMT  
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Yeah, my dealer is old school and didn't know anything  
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