



**DVD + live in the land of the rising
ARTIST + devo
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At this point it seems normal that Devo wears red, plastic pyramid hats and start their shows with ten-minute films of shroom induced images. And lots of bands start their shows with ten minute films of shroom-induced images. Not many groups can get 10,000 people to scream "Whip it!" in synch.

Devo really is weird. Yet that's what we love about them: their strange, eccentric attitude that nobody has imitated because nobody has tried. In celebration of their odd roots, Devo released the "Live In The Land Of The Rising Sun" DVD, chronicling their sold-out show in Tokyo, Japan. The video and sound quality is comparable with that of most music DVDs. Bonus features include humorous clips of the group shopping in Tokyo and fielding questions from the Japanese press. The quality of this disc is good, but the actual concert is nothing unexpected. They give the crowd vintage Devo in all its glory: crunching synths, precise guitar, and the countless oddities that give them their notorious reputations. The sleeper hit of the DVD, however, is their quirky, gutsy cover of the Stones' "Satisfaction". Something has to be said for a group that wears matching kneepads on stage and covers Keith Richards. Devo might have wanted to reconsider releasing this overseas gig on DVD, but if nothing else, it proves that Devo can attract thousands of fans worldwide, which is a feat most bands cannot claim. It's got to be the hats.