



1. INITIAL D LIVE ACTION MOVIE

RUN TIME: 109 MIN

Initial D, the Japanese anime hit, has now become a Hong Kong live action movie. Featuring young HK stars Edison Chen and Jay Chou, the story follows tofu delivery boy Takumi (Chou) as he hones his driving skills in the Touge, or mountain pass, of Japan. Backed by a hip-hop soundtrack, the movie mixes killer computer graphics and live action racing to create an awesome look and feel to this series. The roads and cars look incredible as they race through the mountains at night. Itsuki (Chapman To), Takumi's best friend, who brings comic relief to the entire movie, is a definite highlight. Takumi's father, Bunta (Anthony Wong), plays a much larger role in this movie—often abusive, perverted, and drunk—he secretly trains Takumi while on his tofu delivery runs. For hardcore Initial D fans, many may not like the changes they have made to the original storyline to fit the feature format. But overall, the film is a smash hit for both car enthusiast and Initial D fans.

The Special Limited Edition 2-Disc Set includes tons of extras and behind-the-scenes footage as well as a four-metallic stamped bookmark set. Get the legit version of this movie at www.247motoring.com (Erick Louie)

2. ROCKERS

This movie is all about the reggae style and living the Rasta life. Rockers follows the famous drummer Leroy "Horsemouth" Wallace as he plays a man trying to make a living in Kingston, Jamaica by getting gigs and hustling reggae records to the record stores in Kingston. Seems to be a very believable way of life. The movie really has great feeling for the Rasta spirit; it inspired me to pick up my bongos which I haven't played since forever and now I've been playing them just about every night since I saw the movie.

I've actually been watching the DVD every night too. The beginning of the movie is what really catches your ear and eye by giving you the real feeling of reggae music: where it originated from and its real background. You just know this is not staged it just seems so natural. The tempo of the music in that first scene is very captivating as it is very minimalist and slow and sped up and textured only to be slowed down again and repeated. Much control, much respect! Also having a true Rasta start of the movie with his greeting as the drum circle is pounding and singing away in the back and keeping it going (it gives me chills just talking about it). This new 25th anniversary DVD also has many of features ranging from a director's interview, poster gallery and biographies on every character in this movie as most are all famous artists such as Abyssinians, Burning Spear, Peter Tosh and many others. I really recommend you pick up this movie, even if you don't like reggae music, you at least can still get a feeling for the spirit of it. Yes, it's a movie, but seems so true to life! One Love! (Anthony Burciaga) www.musicvideodistributors.com

3. HIP HOP TIME CAPSULE - 1993

RELEASED: 2005 / RUN TIME: 60 MIN

Now hear this! Say if you are about 22 years old now, do you even remember around 12 years ago, back when you were ten? Do you remember what HIP HOP was like at that time? Sorry, no you do not! How sad that all you know of hip-hop is "Bling-Rap-Pop." But there was a time when MTV played music way back then. Now it's just some crap that you can flip through all the channels and see. Thank you VHS tapes! I use to record MTV's YO! MTV RAPS religiously, like we all did back in the day. Same was for the cassette tape. The cassette tape and the VHS tape was our internet! I have saved all my YO! MTV RAP'S tapes! But luckily for all of you this DVD will first of all fit into your DVD player. My VHS does not fit anything in your house! Thanks to the Hip Hop Time Capsule you too can catch up on your hip hop video lessons. And lucky for me I do not have to have private screenings of my private collection so swippers, no chance of swipping!

The early 90s was a great period in the history of Hip Hop. The vibe was upbeat, yet hardcore, as groups were becoming more innovative and incorporating multiple elements of modern music to form beats completely original and unmatched. The lyrical styles remained street savvy and eloquent, but harsher new styles such as those of Redman and ONYX emerged. Old school heroes like Dr. Dre and Kool G Rap also commanded much respect. This DVD takes a look back at the videos, interviews, performances, and freestyles of 1993, and features over 20 artists: Redman, Dr. Dre, Da Youngsta's, Naughty By Nature, Boss, Kool G Rap & DJ Polo, Onyx, Paris, 2Pac, Prince Markie Dee, MC Lyte, LL Cool J, Apache, Live Squad, CB4east, The Pharcyde, Charlie Murphy, Freddie Foxxx, Trends of Culture, and the much flavorful Jungle Brothers. To top it off, I have vinyl of all these artist. Yea, vinyl for a turntable. Check out www.musicvideodistributors.com

4. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

75-minutes and twenty-one live and studio performance video clips from some of the favorite old school punk bands. You know this was a hard DVD to put together as the punk scene is so lo-fi and not about the glam and media. From Iggy & The Stooges, The Dead Boys to The Buzzcocks and Generation X plus a bunch more, you know if you want to see a nice collection about the old school punk bands, this is it! www.eclecticdvd.com

5. HIP HOP 411

Hip Hop 411 takes you intimately into the lives and work of multi-platinum music icons such as Jay Z, Snoop Dogg, Ice-T, Pharrell Williams of The Neptunes, Naughty By Nature, RL of NEXT, Skee Lo and Young MC. Hear Jay Z talk about the Roc jump off and mic skills. See Pharrell get down in the studio with 702 and reveal the inspiration behind his music. Snoop Dogg talks about hood unity, Master P and No Limit. Through the behind the scenes cameras of Peep Diss Videos, these exclusive artist interviews hosted by Mark Saint Juste and Natasha Williams are a priceless treasure to all Hip Hop fans. Available through www.eclecticdvd.com

6. EVO IX THE NEXT EVOLUTION

BEST MOTORING INTERNATIONAL VOL. 16

APPROX. 90 MINUTES. REGION FREE. NTSC. ENGLISH NARRATIONS AND VOICE OVER

This installment takes us back to the new Fuji Speedway and Keiichi Tsuchiya brings his top guns to test the virgin track. This is followed by a NSX-R One Make battle. As with any Best Motoring episode you get a ton of cars and this one is no different with more Fuji action from Keiichi Tsuchiya, Satoshi Motoyama, Naoki Hattori, Ryo Michigami and Seiji Ara putting cars through their paces at Fuji. Such cars as: NSX-R, SPOON Accord Euro-R, 997 Carrera S, Impreza STi spec C, Nismo Z S-Tune GT, S2000, and the Nismo R34 Skyline GT-R Z-Tune.

I always love seeing Gan-san segments and he does not let us down as he travels 10 hours across the Pacific to test a Ford GT Test & Time Attack. No video has tested the Ford GT so hard on a race track! A must see. Just for good measure he also tests a Nismo Z S-Tune. Both cars are tested at Willow Springs International Raceway in California.

Last but not least and as the cover states, BMI takes the new EVO out on a mega performance test and tops it off with an EVO vs STi Tsukuba five lap Battle! Just so we have a full Evo-experience, we are treated to a mix of Evos such as a EVO IX RS, EVO IX GSR, EVO IX GT and a EVO VIII MR RS. But what would all that be without a cross-related comparison? Bring on the WRX STi spec C and the WRX STi. Also added is an exclusive review of an Impreza S203—this car has 320 hp and a limited production of 555 units. Subaru-san we're there!

And then when you pick yourself up off the floor and restock the cookie jar, the Best gang delivers a little bonus footage of a special time attack by Super GT 500 2004 Champ Satoshi Motoyama wheeling a NISMO R34 Skyline GT-R Z-Tune. Stop! Stop now!!!! I can't take any more! OK, hurt me some more. Thankfully, I have a lifetime subscription to Best Motoring and so should you. It's required, you know...

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7. HIGH OCTANE OVERBOOST

RUN TIME: 120 MIN + EXTRA FEATURES

New Zealand is gangster! With over a quarter of a million dollars (NZ) spent on production this movie is one of the most expensive Performance Car title anywhere! High Octane Overboost is the most ambitious performance car DVD to EVER be released, complete with pyrotechnics; stunt coordination and that High Octane sense of esthetics. High Octane Overboost features: RX8 vs. 350z Touge Battle, New Zealand Drift competition, Battle Day at Taupo Race Circuit, Japan Tuner Feature, HKS EVO & WRX Street Test, Signal Auto Skyline R34 Highway Racing, Signal Auto S15 Touge Attack, Veilside feature cars, Stillway RX-7 FD3S Time Attack, Super Tuner Time Attack, Honda CRX Modification Guide, "The Mexicans" Short Film, Sydney Jamboree Car Festival. Sony/Columbia Tristar has picked this up for Australia/New Zealand and our buddies at Livesockets is flipping it here to the US for us to see.

Download movie trailer www.livesockets.com/HO_OVERBOOST/ or www.livesockets.com

8. JDM RACERS

HOT VERSION INTERNATIONAL TNT

OK, if you are a HARDCORE AE86 fan, then you already have this DVD...right? If not, then you will love the Tsuchiya bio with some old footage clips from 1984 Fuji Freshman Series where it all started for him in the AE86. Even though he rose from the amateur ranks quickly, he did not get to drive in his "dream-series," the N2 AE86 Corolla & Sprinter Grand Cup. His craving to race all the best drivers of AE86s came to fruition in the AE86 Hot Version Championships held on January 25, 2004. You will catch a glimpse of all of the top Hachirokus in Japan and the how the knowledge of drifting in the gripping game is a must.

Also on tap is Tsuchiya's GTR Touring Car Time Attack Battle and last chance to drive the ARTA NSX and a chance to break the Tsukuba record from 1999. The in-car footage of this is absolutely amazing! And his footwork on the pedals is just remarkable with the double patting for throttle blips for the down shifts. Nice Asics ARD driving shoes too!

Keeping in fashion with the Hot Version name and stepping up the game a bit by adding the MAX-factor, TougeMAX Attack brings out the big guns. Plain silly for those little roads that the Best Motoring Video guys film at! Skyline, Subaru, Honda NSX, Mazda FD3S, S15 and a Supra go to the hill to do battle. Fast cars driven the way they are supposed to be: fast and twisty! The three-way battle between the S15, FD3S and Skyline for the final round is just spooky fast and will have you on the edge of your armchair as these guys push these cars beyond limits with limited tarmac surface about the width of a driveway!

For the final chapter the BMI guys assemble the Ultimate FR (front engine-rear-wheel-drive) / NA(naturally aspirated) Battle consisting of the Honda S2000 vs. Nissan Z33. Again and as always, just awesome footage and always revealing information about the cars we love. www.bestmotoringvideo.com