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Electric Button (Moon & Cherry)

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Theatrical Release Date: Japan, 2004

Director: Yuki Tanada

Writer: Yuki Tanada

Cast: Yoshikazu Ebisu, Noriko Eguchi, Akira Emoto, Misako Hirata, Akifumi Miura, Chad Mullane, Tasuku Nagaoka, Shungiku Uchida

DVD released: April 23rd, 2013

Approximate running time: 82 minutes

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1 Letterboxed Widescreen

Rating: NR

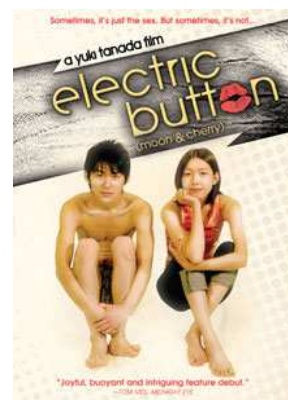
Sound: Dolby Digital Stereo Japanese

Subtitles: English

DVD Release: Tidepoint Pictures

Region Coding: Region 1 NTSC

Retail Price: \$17.95



Synopsis: To help her with a recent case of writers block, a young woman named Mayama enlists the help of the latest member of her erotic writers club. Her new muse is a twenty something virgin named Tadokoro, who she decides to show the ins and outs of sexual intercourse. Will they be able to remain professional or will their most unusual arrangement lead to deeper feelings and greater consequences?

Where most film's focus on the more romantic aspects the arise between a male and female character. It is refreshing when a film like *Electric Button (Moon & Cherry)* shy's away from these well treaded more traditional outlook on characters who fall in love. With the focus being more on what is going on between the sheets and how these sexual indiscretions nearly destroy the magnetism that original brought this film's two protagonists together.



With that being said, though the content present throughout this film tends to lean towards the risqué, this is an erotica themed film after all. The way in which everything is put together is far from your atypical sleazy sexploitation film. There are a lot of well laid nuggets that lay just beneath this film's copious amounts of naked flesh on display. With this film's final revelation being its most poignant moment.

Without a doubt this film's most surprising asset are the performances of its two leading actors, Noriko Eguchi ([Fine, Totally Fine](#)) in the role of Mayama and Tasuku Nagaoka ([Kakera: A Piece of Our Life](#)) in the role of Tadokoro. The both are excellent in their respective roles as they flawlessly play off of each other. Needless to say they have a tremendous amount of chemistry. It should also be noted that the secondary characters are all very good their respective roles, especially Misako Hirata in the role of Akane, the other woman vying for attention in Tadokoro's life. Ultimately *Electric Button (Moon & Cherry)* is superbly realized melodrama that shows that are an infinite shades of love.

The DVD:



Tidepoint Pictures presents *Electric Button (Moon & Cherry)* in a letterboxed widescreen. Though this film was shot on video, the lack of anamorphic enhancement, noticeable edge enhancement and poor black levels, make this is at best a serviceable transfer.

This release comes with one audio option, a Dolby Digital stereo mix in Japanese and English subtitles have been included with this release. The audio fares slightly better than the transfer as there are no issues with background noise and dialog comes through clearly enough to follow.

Extras for this release include a photo gallery and trailers for [Noriko's Dinner Table](#), [Late Bloomer](#), [Long Dream](#), [Taking Father Home](#) and [Dear Pyongyang](#). Overall *Electric Button (Moon & Cherry)* gets a mediocre

release from Tidepoint Pictures.

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