

**'Infectious Garage Disease,' Infectious Garage Disease (Negative Reaction Records/MVDaudio, 2 1/2 stars)**

This recent release has 43 songs -- if listeners are willing to listen to 22 demos. There are also 35 minutes of CD-ROM video footage and live/rehearsal audio via CD-ROM/MP3. The songs are incredibly fast and short, with little vocal melody from Matt, but the players (guitarist Jimmie, bassist Mike and drummer Donni) are skillful. Parental alert: There's substantial profanity present.

My punk rock credibility will be strained by not being able to enjoy this massive collection; but hollering and playing blindingly fast is exciting at a show, not so much on a recording. The demos show musical invention by the instrumentalists, but not enough melody for this "classic punker."

- Ricky Flake