

Weird Band of the Week: FCKN BSTRDS

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You seriously still don't own a copy of DEVO's "The Complete Truth About De-Evolution"? That's OK, they're reissuing it again next month.

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DEVO



THE COMPLETE TRUTH ABOUT DE-EVOLUTION

(<http://weirdestband.files.wordpress.com/2014/01/devo-completetruth-smaller.jpg>)

Although they're still mostly remembered for "Whip It," DEVO (<http://weirdestbandintheworld.com/tag/devo/>) made some of the greatest and strangest music videos of the MTV era, beginning with early avant-garde classics like "Jocko Homo" and culminating in eye-popping performance clips like "Peek-a-Boo" and "Time Out for Fun." Most of

these videos were first collected in 1993 on *The Complete Truth About De-Evolution*, released exclusively in the ill-fated Laserdisc format. The collection was later reissued on DVD in 2003 by Rhino Records, but that set went out of print. Maybe third time's the charm?

On Feb. 11th, MVD Entertainment will release the latest incarnation of *The Complete Truth About De-Evolution* on DVD. As near as we can tell, it's the same material that was included on the Rhino release, which is to say that the band's 1984 cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Are U Experienced?" still doesn't make the cut (apparently the Hendrix estate *really* didn't like DEVO's take) but a bunch of cool bonus materials do, including some early live footage and Bruce Conner's short film version of "Mongoloid." There's also commentary by Mark Mothersbaugh and Gerald Casale, which is the worth the price of admission alone.

No details yet on where you can find the newest version of *The Complete Truth About De-Evolution* but most MVD Entertainment releases are pretty easy to track down via [Amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) (http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000089QCI/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B000089QCI&linkCode=as2&tag=weibanin20) and elsewhere. If we can get our hands on a copy, we'll post a longer review of the full package soon.

Let's play this post out with some classic DEVO eye candy from the 1981 *New Traditionalists* era, aka that time when the guys all wore fake plastic Reagan hair for a year. This is "Through Being Cool," which I'm tempted to say is the weirdest video they ever did, except they're *all* pretty weird in their own ways. I do believe, however, that this is the only DEVO video to feature some sweet breakdancing spin moves. [Update: Nope. Turns out [this one](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVCt_mAAZpQ) (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVCt_mAAZpQ) does, too. We apologize for the oversight. We also blame the Hendrix estate.]