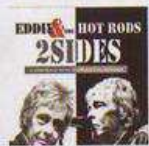


## EDDIE & THE HOT RODS

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### 2 Sides

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There's no doubt that Eddie & The Hot Rods have benefited from the resurgence of neighbours Dr. Feelgood and Wilko Johnson following the success of the *Oil City Confidential* movie. Not undeservedly either, as recent gigs have shown them to be well on rocking form.

With no new album and a major tour in the offing, this stop-gap release brings together ten of the best from their recent studio albums, plus a further ten live tracks. While the studio recordings pack a punch, displaying some particularly fiery lead guitar, singer and sole original member Barrie Masters occasionally sounds a little subdued. A cover of Ian Hunter's 'Once Bitten, Twice Shy' suits him down to the ground, though.

On the live recordings, however, Masters has definitely got his mojo working. It's a typical Hot Rods greatest hits set, featuring the classics 'Do Anything You Wanna Do', 'Teenage Depression', and the usual sprinkling of boozier-friendly covers including a storming 'Hard Drivin' Man'. Nothing unfamiliar to the casual observer, then, but it's a ferocious mix that solidly underlines – doubly, in marker-pen – their enduring prowess as a live act.

*Gerry Ranson*