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As perfectly cynical as the music industry prefers to present itself in the public eye, no one can deny that the holidays have a lot to do with giftgiving, and no kid is happier than when he or she is tearing through the paper on a brand new toy. Parents like giving toys for that reason but, deep down, they really wish that they could be unwrapping a toy too; it just seldom happens because being an adult is supposed to mean acting responsibly and not playing with toys. We at Ground Control dispute that thinking, and clearly Aggronautix must as well; since first appearing three years ago, the company has been manufacturing Throbblehead action figures of some of the greatest rock stars in history for the discerning grownup who also happens to like his rock n' roll with a shot of vintage *Creem* spirit in it.

That sounds neat right? *Ground Control* thought so, but wondered if these action figures ("They're not dolls dammit!") were actually any good and wanted to see if they were worth a kid seeking them out as a gift idea for their Dads and Moms, so we got the fine folks at Aggronautix to send us a couple in order to see if they were worth the asking price [\$19.95 USD per unit –ed] and have a bit of fun too. Those wonderful folks sent us three Throbbleheads for us to test drive, and here's what we found out about them.



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...And just to prove that Aggronautix CAN go back to the drawing board with a design and make a significantly improved product, the company has issued its second attempt at a likeness of The Descendents' singer Milo Aukerman. This time, the toy-maker has really done itself proud; standing seven inches tall and nervously clutching at its pantleg (I know the picture this likeness was taken from – it was taken from a photo that Rolling Stone ran in 1996), Milo looks poised to belt "I'm The One" with legs spread to almost shoulder width apart. The sculpting done on Aukerman's face is much improved this time and looks less cartoonish than it did on Aggronautix' first go at the singer. Not only that, but the head just seems to shake nervously; perfectly in keeping with the character of the man who sang "She Loves Me." Overall, this piece is exactly what any Descendents fan could hope for in a Throbblehead and will leave some wondering how long they'll have to wait for Aggronautix to make figurines of Bill Stevenson, Karl Alvarez and Stephen Egerton to round out the set and make it possible to have a full-time reunion of The Descendents right there on their bookshelves!

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