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ACCEPT • *Metal Blast From The Past* • (2006 MVD)

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ACCEPT
Metal Blast From The Past
(MVD)

"They make you drink your blood... and tear yourselves to pieces!"

Accept are one of my favorite German bands of all time. Right up there with early Scorpions. They were HEAVY, man. Back in the day I can remember them taking it to a new level of fast and heavy with a BIG guitar sound pushing the envelope from standards set by Priest, Scorpions and UFO. And this was pre-NWOBHM so Accept were flying the metal flag high at a time (in America anyway) when disco and new wave were ruling the roost. Not my roost though, I'll tell you that!! That's why I was looking for heavy kicks elsewhere... AC/DC, Starz, and Van Halen is where I found late 70's refuge and the Teutonic Terrors fit in there right nicely.

This DVD repackages the STAYING A LIFE VHS that was released back in the 80's plus collects all of their videos and a few live performances from the early 90's when they were a four piece. The thing I remember about the STAYING A LIFE portion was the cheesy commentator that talked over parts of the music and sadly enough nobody bothered to omit that annoying element. But it is nice to see the footage on DVD and witness what a tight and righteously rocking band Accept were and still are (at least for the summer festival months in Europe.)

Udo still has one of the most distinct voices in heavy metal and delivers his lines with such venom and bite that you don't really notice how short he is! Wolf Hoffman and Jorg Fisher could stand toe to toe with any of the dual guitar teams of the time, making a most epic Wagnerian sound scape in the process.

The videos run the gamut from the 70's long-haired, and open-shirted Udo to the short-cropped hair and army fatigues he is best remembered wearing. Also included is the video for "Generation Clash" which had Minneapolis boy Dave Reese (Lynn) on vocals. Fans didn't warm to Dave as the new front man and either did the band as he only stuck around for the one over looked album EAT THE HEAT which, like that Motley Crue album without Vince, I thought was great! Just not the same bands though without the distinctive screechers. Frontmen: can't live with 'em... can't do without 'em!

With your old copy of STAYING A LIFE degenerating on the shelf and all the Accept videos scattered around on odds-and-ends "Headbanger's Ball" tapes why not get a shiny disc with all that collected together? Plus you can flip it over and play some CD tracks of demos from the BREAKER era... if you're into playing your DVDs in the CD player that is.



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