

ACCEPT
Metal Blast from the Past DVD
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What's the 4-1-1?

Want to catch up with the German metallers at the height of their career (and a little bit beyond)? Then this is the DVD for you.

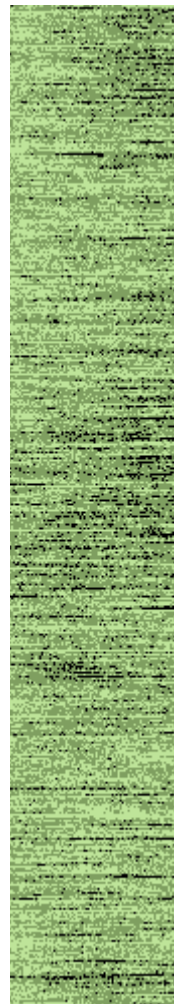
Genre

Heavy metal / hard rock

The Good

The centerpiece of this DVD is a documentary on Accept that was originally released on home video years ago. It chronicles the band's rise to fame as well as their life on the road. Intertwined with the documentary is a live performance of Accept at their peak from Osaka, Japan in 1985 that includes 11 of their best tracks (at the time), and most of their music videos. The performance is one of their best, and the documentary is insightful. You can watch the music videos separately from the main portion of the DVD. You will also get to see videos that go beyond 1985.

One of the videos that surprised was "Generation Clash." I honestly had no idea that Accept tried the hair/pop metal thing after Udo departed. It sounds nothing like them. Another one that was interesting was "Protectors of Terror." Udo made his return to the group and Accept tried to cover up the hair metal thing by getting harder and a little controversial. The "Behind the Scenes" section focuses on band interviews from the Osaka period. It's rather short. In an effort to get closer to a modern day version of Accept, you get a three song performance from one of their reunion gigs on 1993.



A discography is included, but this is one of the more interesting one's I've seen. With each album you click on you get to hear at least two song samples from it. If you don't want to click album to album, there's a separate section for just the music samples. An extensive biography is include as well as links to all of the member's websites. There's still no official Accept website. This DVD release is actually dual sided. On the flip side is an audio section. Unlike most concert DVDs, you're not getting an audio version of the live show. Accept actually give you nine previously unreleased tracks. Most are demos and from the "Breaker" album.



The Bad

I would have liked a more current documentary.

The Verdict

I can't believe how much stuff they packed onto this one disc. Some Accept fans may be a little miffed because they are recycling some old material, but overall you get a lot of Accept history. Everything I didn't know about Accept from their hey-day was cleared up on the DVD. I found that most of bonus features were interesting (which is a rarity). The song samples helped me decide which Accept albums I want to check out next. This is a Metal Blast that you simply cannot ignore.

Did You Know?

"Rich and Famous," a fan favorite was originally released as a Japanese only bonus track for the album *Objection Overruled*.

Rating:  out of 5

--George Dionne



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