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Acid Drinkers - The Hand That Rocks The Coffin / 2006 MVD / 120 Minutes / <http://www.musicvideodistributors.com> / Man, I really feel bad that I do not know any of the acts that MVD and Metal Mind are putting out onto DVD. Acid Drinkers have a great lineage, as the band started in 1985. The band didn't really get started on their path until 1987, when they added a former member of Turbo as a drummer.

Along the way, they have released over 10 different albums of stuff, so a DVD at this point seems downright deserved. The footage on this DVD is from two different days on tour, from the Warsaw and Krakow dates of their tour.

Twelve tracks await listeners; the band ends with a cover of Johnny Cash's classic "Ring of Fire". The track list of the live show takes a number of cuts from all the Acid Drinkers albums; the band starts the show with "Anybody Home" and "Backyard Bandit". However, the live show is not all that is present on this DVD. Also present is an amazing documentary on the band, called "Chasing the Acids". While the other features of the disc are nothing to terribly interesting (besides the additional interview), the documentary along with the video of "Hate Unlimited" make for a full DVD. Despite the amount of time that they have been a band, the composition of Acid Drinkers on this live show DVD are fresh and impressive.

The band has not lost a step, and it feels as if the rough edges that may have been present on earlier releases are gone due to their maturity as a band. For those fans that have everything else that Acid Drinkers have released up to this point, "The Hand That Rocks The Coffin" is the next step until the band comes out with their next album. Short of buying a double-disc greatest hits of the band, "The Hand That Rocks The Coffin" is a perfect introduction to Acid Drinkers. Their brand of hard rock meets progressive comes through clearly as day on this DVD, to the degree that this could almost double as a studio album. Acid Drinkers are yet another talented prog rock band that MVD and Metal Mind have determined are deserving of a DVD. Hopefully fans will pick up this album and start purchasing other pieces of the Acid Drinkers collection, because they truly are a diamond in the rough.

Top Tracks: Poplin Twist, Slow & Stoned

Rating: 6.5/10