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# Reviews

## EXCITER S/T (O.T.T.) Reissue

Magnetic Air Records  
 Rating: 8 Out Of 10  
 Reviewed by: Bam-Bam



Formed originally in 1978, Ottawa, Canada's **EXCITER** are known throughout the Thrash Metal community as being one of the "First Thrash Bands Ever!". Now, whether that be true or not, I'm not here to determine, but I do know as a kid, I bought many of their records because they looked pretty cool, and it was long before **METALLICA** hit the shelves. I just thought it was cool that their drummer, **Dan Beehler**, also sang the tunes. Being a drummer, that hit me as pretty kick-ass!!! After almost 10-years and a handful of releases that sold pretty well, it was decided in 1988 that Dan would no longer be the band's singer and so they brought in **Rob Malnati**, who made his debut on this album, a self-titled effort that is also known as *O.T.T.* (Over The Top). This re-release has been remastered and engineered to today's standards, but the artwork and such still stays the same.

Judging by the sound, it's amazing that this music really needed much of a lift to make it still sound cool in this day and age, 20-some years later because it's pretty damn solid even by today's standards! Some of the band's signature songs, although Beehler was brought back in '91 to become the band's singer again, are contained on this record; "*Scream Bloody Murder*", "*O.T.T.*", "*Enemy Lines*", "*Termination*" and "*Back In The Light*" leading the pack with heaviness. The sound quality is great, and even through some of the cheesiness of the track "*Ready To Rock*" (sounds scarily similar to **KEEL**'s 1985 classic "*The Right To Rock*", right down to the vocals!), it's a cool little flash back to the past.

Head over to **AmazonMusic.com** to re-experience something you might have missed, or might not have even been born to enjoy when it first hit stores! Highly Recommended!!!

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