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Review by Mark Jason Murray



Released by Metal Mind Productions
1991
10 tracks
Playing time: 42 min. 41 sec.



One of the founding fathers of the American Death Metal scene, Immolation still remains one of the most important acts in the genre after nearly two decades of existence. This reissue of their legendary and highly influential debut album from 1991 (on RC/Roadrunner records at the time) is an absolute necessity for Death Metal fans.

Packed in a digipac including lyrics, "Dawn of Possession" continues to hold it's own with solid levels of brutality mixed with screeching guitar riffs, sickly grinding breakdowns and growling vocals. The slightly sludgy production actually helps to accentuate the grinding nature of the band's sound and brings back memories of how impacted I was hearing it on its initial release. The band's subsequent releases have continued to impress, securing Immolation as a mainstay of the genre, continuously pounding out quality music devoid of trends. Put in any album by the band and you will immediately know it's them based on their distinct sound and songwriting techniques. This is old school death metal at its best.



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