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REVIEWS : ALBUMS : LAST CRACK, "SINISTER FUNKHOUSE #17"

When this album was originally released, it was a time in my life when the cover of an album could make or break it. Well, with a picture of a naked guy posing on the front and the word "funk" in the title, I can tell you it was totally broken. I never touched this band back then and the couple times I heard them I was amazed that Roadrunner would ever sign such an act. Now, some 18 years later, I am wondering why anybody in their right mind would re-release this.

The re-issue manages to add two bonus live tracks , but there isn't much more info about them than that. The band lives up to the funk label in the album title with moments that are very Red Hot Chili Peppers and Fishbone. This is mixed into the standard late '80's metal that is an obvious follower to bands like Saxon and Savage. It is hard to say that these guys aren't even a little down the road from Skid Row or some of the other heavier hair bands of the day or bands like Y & T that got lumped into that scene.

The music is played fairly well, but the songs are uninspiring and the vocals are the definition of stereotypical. There is nothing of this band that stands out. If a sub-par Tesla strikes your fancy, then maybe you've got something here, but for me, this will go down towards the top of the "worst albums Roadrunner ever released" list.

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