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- 10 - Classic
- 8 - Best of genre
- 6 - Good
- 4 - Mediocre
- 2 - Poor

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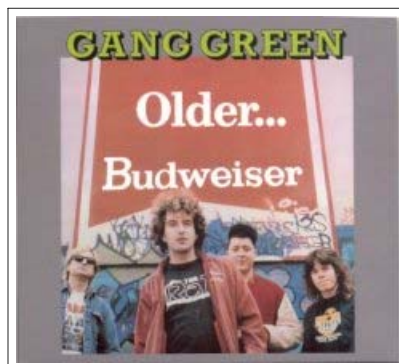
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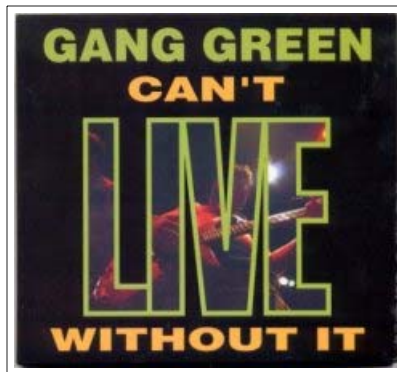
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007

Review: Gang Green - You Got It, Older...Budweiser, Can't Live Without It



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Label: Metal Mind Productions

Re-issued: 2007

Metal Mind Productions has recently re-issued Gang Green's Roadrunner catalog on limited edition CDs. While this period may be just past their prime (1985's Another Wasted Night), they still find Gang Green in high gear. You Got It is a lot closer to its predecessor than I remembered and it remains one of the best albums in the skate rock sub-genre. 1989's Older...Budweiser finds the band drifting a little further down the metal path, but not to the point of being bloated and lethargic as many punk-cum-metal outfits had. The bonus tracks are none other than the hilariously-titled Van Halen parody, I81B4U EP. The only trouble is that it fits better with the punk-oriented You Got It, but that's just a minor complaint. Can't Live Without It, their 1990 live album and their last release for Roadrunner, was a first time listen for me and it reminded me of why I regret never having seen Gang Green live. All of their wild rebellious fun is captured here in all its glory. The album errs on the side of energy rather than quality, but I can't imagine anyone who would want it otherwise.

These three re-issues are a reminder of a band that may have been lost in the historical shuffle over the years, but not so easily forgotten by punks and skaters who grew up in the 80s. Gang Green should have no trouble resonating with a new generation of kids as, for better or worse, punk, skateboarding, beer, anger and fun seem to be as popular as ever.

Rating:

You Got It - 8/10

Older...Budweiser - 6/10

Can't Live Without It - 7/10

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I liked Gang Green enough. I think maybe they were hurt a little commercially because they kind of stayed at a mid-tempo instead of fully jumping the speed metal bandwagon like Suicidal Tendencies or DRI. Yet they were way better than Suicidal at the time and no worse than DRI.

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