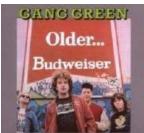


GANG GREEN

"Older ... Budweiser" (Metal Mind; 1989/2007)

Reviewed by Metal Mark





This beer drinking, skateboarding, fun loving punk rock outfit from Boston were moving closer into metal territory with this release. They still had their fire and, most importantly, their sense of humor for this outing.

A lot of of punk rock bands starting drifting toward metal around 1985 - 1986 and, at first, many of them were referred to as "crossover" bands but, by 1988 - 1989, a number of the former punk rock bands (such as DRI and Suicidal Tendencies) were becoming just about all metal.

I think Gang Green avoided that trap for the most part because they still very much maintain a good portion of their punk rock attitude and approach on "Older ... Budweiser." They never took their lyrics that serious and the music largely stays short and sweet. That approach seemed to work for them and it was also a good contrast to a number of bands that offimes took themselves a little too seriously.

Metal Mind does another fine re-issue here with a slick package and a color booklet.

For more information, check out http://www.ganggreenboston.com or http://www.myspace.com/ganggreenhxc.

Rating Guide:



A classic. This record will kick your ass.



Killer. Not a classic but it will rock your world.



So-so. You've heard better.



Pretty bad. Might make a nice coaster.

Self explanatory. Just the sight of the cover makes you wanna hurl.

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