

**VADER** - *Sothis* · Metal Mind / MVD

Originally released in 1994, and just now finally seeing an official domestic release here in the US, this is a classic Death Metal EP from the Polish kings, and one that I first reviewed when it was new. If anything this has gotten better with age. I'm more accepting of the weirder/somewhat Industrial elements, as they serve to offset the expected Death Metal onslaught. The cover of "Black Sabbath" is musically flawless, which is the norm for VADER, but the odd usage of non-brutal vocals still takes me right out of it, as it always has here. It's difficult for any Death Metal band to cover a song like this, though, at least as far as the singing is concerned. I don't know how anyone could have missed out on *Sothis*, but if you did, here's your chance to correct that mistake. For the rest of us, there's no need to double-dip this fucker, as it has no extras. - 9 - <Ray>

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