

**VADER** - *Live in Japan* · Metal Mind / MVD

After all these years (since this LP's initial release in 1998), I was hoping that the world outside of Japan might finally get the *complete* version of this legendary live album, but no such luck, of course. As with all previous non-Japanese pressings, this is missing two tracks: "Incarnation" and a cover of "Dethroned Emperor." The booklet, while much better than the previous Pavement Music black & white embarrassment, is still missing the Japanese lyric insert, which had everything in both English and Japanese. Those unfortunate omissions aside, this is still required listening for all Death Metal fans. Really it deserves a ten, but I *can't* do that knowing that anyone who buys it isn't getting everything. The lyric sheet isn't such a big deal, but the missing songs *are*. However, in a possible attempt make up for the missing tracks, this version does contain the video for "Kingdom." But thanks to what I'm guessing is some kind of Digital Rights Management fuckup, I can neither play the file directly from the CD, nor can I copy it to my hard-drive, so it's utterly useless. - 9 - <Ray>

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