V/A – Triple Threat Of Terror: Creepersin, DieMonsterDie, Others CD (MVD Audio)

Hot on the heels of the recent spate of Creepersin reissues, the venerable band team up with 2 other US horror-punk bands for this 3-way split featuring 5 all-new songs from each act. Both Creepersin and DieMonsterDie utilize the Misfits' mid-tempo, whoa-oh-oh approach to great effect, with DMD offering up some refreshing Oi! Influences and both bands demonstrating strong, inventive songwriting here. Others is more difficult to categorize, with a musical approach that is equal parts classic crossover thrash and vintage US hardcore, with fuzzed-out guitars skatepunk beats, coupled with vocals that are highly indebted to Cro-Mags (of all eras). This is a great compilation that showcases the current state of US horror-punk, and I am enjoying it all the way through, but it is the Others tracks that I'll be revisiting the most in the future - these cats are great! **The Impaler**