



VIBRATORS, THE - Greatest Punk Hits {MVD} All too often, original '77 Punks THE VIBRATORS are relegated to second, or even third division, Punk Rock. That's criminal really when listening to either 'Pure Mania' or 'V2'. This 18 track comp collects the band's best known songs, but rather than simply lift them off those albums, 12 are culled from a re-recording at Greenhouse Studios in 1991. These versions are equally credible; they suffer from losing some of the brash, naive charm the originals had but have been enhanced through years of playing. 'Automatic Lover', 'Troops Of Tomorrow' and 'Whips And Furs' stand out while the classic 'Baby Baby' is a tad heavy-handed compared with the original. There's also a re-recording of the superb 'Amphetamine Blue' that Knox recorded in FALLEN ANGELS (a band that featured various HANOI ROCKS bods too). The remaining songs are lifted from latter day VIBRATORS albums and, with the exception of 'Tired Of Living With You', don't really hold up to the first 12 songs. If ya never heard VIBRATORS, think ONLY ONES meets HEARTBREAKERS. If that appeals, then this is a pretty fine place to go on a Vibrating discovery. (30.09.13)

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