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**The Meatmen's Tesco Vee is a toy!**  
Posted by peter

The biggest enemy of political correctness is back, and, love him or hate him, he's got a lot of pent-up venom to unload on everybody.

But before punk anti-hero Tesco Vee, the outrageous frontman of The Meatmen, releases all of his unapologetically offensive comic vitriol through song, there's the matter of Vee being made into a toy — something that is probably long overdue.

Sporting his famous ABBA pants and clogs, but not including some of the more risqué props he's been known to ... ahem, strap on in concert, the 7-inch tall, limited-edition figure [1,000 numbered units] of Vee [that's him at right] comes in a tri-colored windowed box and is made of lightweight polyresin.

As an inveterate collector of toys and all things kitsch, and considering his hilariously over-the-top antics, it really shouldn't come as a surprise that Vee has been immortalized in such a fashion. And he's very pleased with it.

Did he ever think a toy figure would be made of him?

"I was always hoping!" exclaims Vee. "This makes me really happy. Sometimes when you make these things they are laughably off, but I am captured in all my Dutch Herculesness! Awesome ..."

Vee did have some say in the design, and it comes pretty close to capturing the real thing.

"I had input," says Vee. "As a matter of fact, we took pics and all, and my buds said I shoulda gone with the younger TV, but hey, I think its great. On the sketches I looked like Gargamel from the Smurfs from the side! I got my fave Abba jumpsuit on, a Pentagram on my chest ... my usual get-up when I go to the store to buy a loaf of bread and a bottle of Bombay Sapphire."

If only he was joking. To see the toy Vee, visit <http://www.seeofsound.com/p.phs?s=AGGRO12>. More toy figures of punk idols are on their way as well.

Bombay Sapphire, as many already know, is Tesco's drink of choice, and chances are he'll be slugging some down on The Meatmen's tour, which is happening right now. It started April 16 in Pittsburgh, Pa., and will run through May 27, when The Meatmen touch down in Austin, Texas, at Emo's. Supporting on many of the dates is American Speedway. Visit [www.tescovee.com](http://www.tescovee.com) and [www.myspace.com/themeatmenrule](http://www.myspace.com/themeatmenrule) for more on the men of meat.

The Meatmen, formed in East Lansing, Mich., around 1979, have shared the stage with such punk heavyweights as Minor Threat, Fear, Dead Kennedys, The Fix, Necros, the Misfits and Negative Approach, among many others, over the years.

Now, after a 12-year hiatus, they have returned with a 24-track covers album titled *Cover The Earth*. "Interesting" is the only word that comes close to describing the track listing. Yeah, you'll find Vee and company tearing through tracks by punk heroes like GG Allin, Johnny Thunders and Fear, but they also tackle numbers by The Temptations, 10CC and Jimmy Dean for God's sake.



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