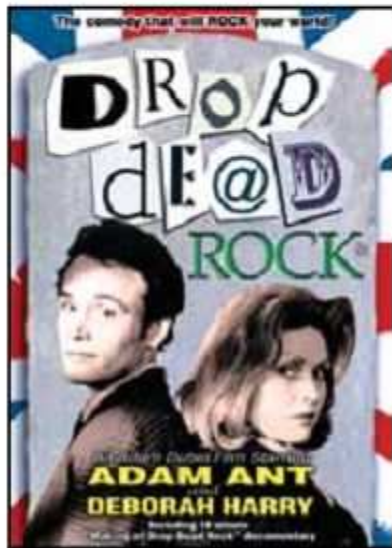


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Drop Dead Rock (MVD) is a bit of an oddball, to say the least. Originally released in 1995, the film stars punk/new wave icons Deborah Harry and Adam Ant in a farcical stab at the music industry—

and rock musicians in general. Hindenburg is a hapless local band trying to sound like The Stooges while offending the aural sensibilities of every



booking agent in town. After enlisting the talents of a spunky, new female drummer, their path is indelibly altered. Adam Ant plays Dave Donovan, the shady manager of the uber-annoying, hit-making, punk tranny, Spazz-O, whom Hindenburg has fashioned themselves after. Harry plays ruthless label boss Thor Sturmundrang.

The overall look and feel of the film is very '80s, which gives it a kind of a surreal

flair. But while the storyline has a few funny moments, the dialog and slapstick get extremely tedious and one has to wonder if the filmmakers are merely just taking the piss—with bucketfuls of '90s irony. The DVD features an in-depth interview with filmmakers Adam Dubin and Ric Menello, plus the full-length video of Spazz-O performing his hilarious hit, "Inseminator." For fans of Ant and Harry, ***Drop Dead Rock*** is pure novelty with a few smirk-inducing scenes.