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JOY DIVISION - Under Review DVD (<u>Music Video Distributors</u>) No matter how much black metal, power electronics and hardcore flies across my desk and into my ears, the status of my favorite band is a toss up between The Police and Joy Division. The *Under Review* series are documentaries focusing on a specific band's music material - often breaking down songs to examine them from lyrics, to structure and rhythm. With past volumes about AC/DC and Rolling Stones, I was really floored when I saw they were doing a Joy Division one. I'm not let down either, as they used live footage I hadn't seen, plus rare interviews with the band. Authors of Joy Division books, as well as personal friends tell the story of the band's beginnings as Warsaw to their demise (due to Curtis' suicide) and transformation into New Order. The extras include an Ian Curtis interview, as well as what they call 'The Hardest Joy Division Quiz Ever'... okay, I agree on that. This is a real must for any fan of the band. Not much video material out there on Joy Division, so this makes up for a bit of that. (*Dec 15, 2006*)