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Détente - Recognize No Authority
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When I was a kid, I used to laugh at my Mom when she would sit on the floor with her headphones listening to her old hippie albums. Stop living in the past, I would smugly think as I popped in the newest Slayer tape (yes tape). Now, as expected, life has come full circle. As I was listening to Détente's album I received the same scornful looks from my children. I decided, however, that this was schoolin' time. "This is thrash metal in its true form," I said. "This is how it all began."

The words are true. This is the good stuff, folks. Eighties thrash at it's finest: blistering guitars, thousand-note leads, howling vocals and analog production values. This is from the time after the new wave of British heavy metal hit the shores and the kids took their punk attitude and applied it to metal. They just actually learned how to play their instruments. Recognize No Authority sits firmly in with the likes of Kill 'Em All and Bonded By Blood. Hell, the cover depicts a cop beating someone down and the lyrics follow suit. Basically, this is metal when metal was about attitude and ability and not about marketability. Meaning it was good. Here's the challenge: all the young guns out there who say they are "influenced by thrash metal" should listen to this. If you like it then you'll really be on the right path to thrashiness. If you don't, then stop talking. Please.



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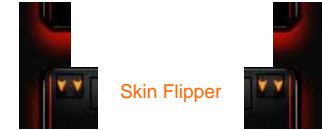
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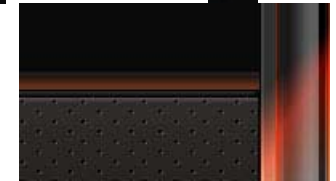
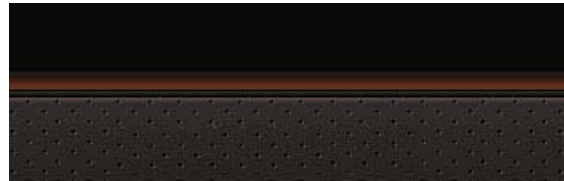
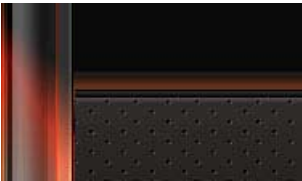
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