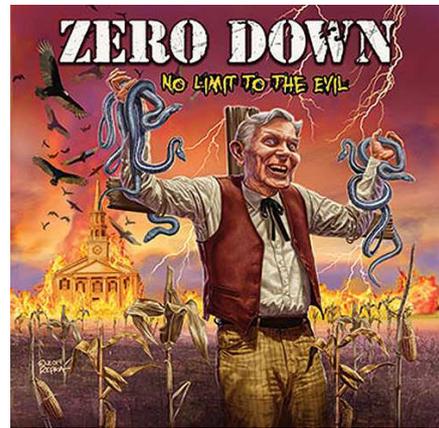


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Band: Zero Down (USA)
Genre: Heavy Metal
Label: Minotauro Records
Albumtitle: No Limit To The Evil
Duration: 39:37
Releasedate: 15.12.2014



The disc cover doesn't need to be a good index for the music, but if you come around with pictures by Ed Repka, you already earn real Brownie points. But because that's not all, we get to the point right away.

The in 2002 founded Zero Down have already released three albums in-house produced, that'd be "Looking To Start A Riot" (2011), "Good Times At The Gates Of Hell" (2008, with a great Ed Repka picture as well) and "Old Time Revival" (2005).

Those who didn't know the group until now (like me), should really catch up on that with the new album "No Limit To The Evil" cause the album brims over with traditional metal power.

If someone might think now, not again such a "retro"- chapel, he should really read on. Cause Zero Down perfectly achieve to bring the old school spirit into the new age. Simply being retro is done differently.

Mixed is the best of Maiden, Priest and Lizzy with a good pinch of Aussie-rock and thus there are great clamps to hear, which demount the head with hard riffs like in the Accept-like "Phantom Host". But there are also Twin-Guitars brought in, this can be heard in the superb title track "No Limit To The Evil". And when in "Two Ton Hammer" Motörhead gets into the game and the choirs within "Steve McQueen" encourage to sing along, the band has won anyway.

The big advantage is the always present punky energy, which is on the entire plate. Each song is equipped with a certain surliness and the vocals support exactly this vibe. These vocals reach from classical, high-pitched tunes to a mangy nagging, but always with style.

The drums and the bass are of course the leading energy sources and round the entire thing off. The sound is very natural and roars out of the speakers without intentionally being modern or retro. Producer Martin Feveyer made a good job here.

Conclusion:

Fans of High Spirits, Alpha Tiger and similar will take a shine to Zero Ground. During the listening you immediately see yourself in a small club raising your fists in the air loudly yelling "No Limit, No Limit To The Evil". And what more could a metalhead possibly want? Right, nothing!

Rating: 8,5/10

Recommendations: Two Ton Hammer, Phantom Host

Weblink: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Zero-Down-Fan-Page/262964899318>

Lineup:

Lenny Burnett – Lead & Rhythm Guitars, Vocals
Matt Fox – Lead & Rhythm Guitars, Vocals
Ron E. Banner – Bass, Vocals
Chris Gohde – Drums
Mark "Hawk" Hawkinson – Lead Vocals & Screams

Tracklist:

01. Return of the Godz
02. No Limit to the Evil
03. Devils Thorn
04. Cold Winters Night
05. Leche di Tigre
06. Phantom Host
07. Suicide Girl
08. Steve McQueen
09. Two Ton Hammer
10. Black Rhino

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