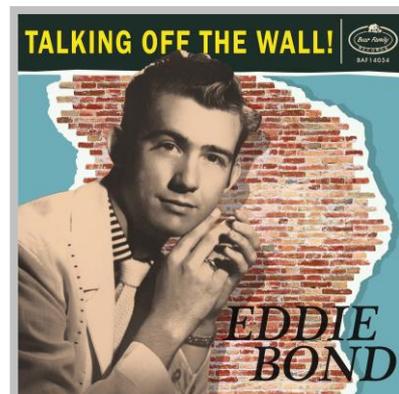


# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS



## PRODUCTINFO (Vinyl) July 7, 2023

Artist	<b>Eddie Bond</b>	
Title	<b>Talking Off The Wall!</b>	
Label	Bear Family Records	
Catalog no.	BAF14034	Price code: BAFX
EAN-Code	4000127140340	
Format	10" vinyl LP (25 cm), 45 rpm, with 12-page booklet, postcard and bonus CD	
Genre	Rockabilly, Rock 'n' Roll	
No. of tracks	14 (LP) / 25 (CD)	approx. 28:00 min.(LP) / 48:00 min. (CD)
Release date	July 7, 2023	



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## INFO:

- **A rocking 14-track LP on Bear Family Records® from one of the original Memphis rockabillys, Eddie Bond, backed up by a 25-track CD featuring original and cover versions of some of Eddie's songs.**
- **Mostly from the mid-1950s, these tracks sparkle with the life and excitement of the new rocking music.**
- **Eddie started and finished as a country singer, but he embraced the new rockabilly music and he soon became the *Rockin' Daddy* described in his best-selling disc from 1956.**
- **Eddie's backing bands include two of the best guitarists of all time – Reggie Young and Hank Garland – and they don't disappoint.**
- **The ten-inch LP contains one song from Eddie's first label, Ekko, six from his rockabilly heyday on Mercury, two from his originally unissued sessions at Sun in 1958, and five tracks from local Memphis labels in the 1960s.**
- **The bonus CD contains also a further 11 tracks by other artists, providing fascinating other versions of songs Eddie recorded. Artists include Sonny Fisher, Lattie Moore, Ray Charles, and Elvis Presley.**

Back when Eddie Bond recorded *Talkin' Off The Wall* for his first ever disc in 1955, he was indeed caught up in a musical moment that was 'off the wall' – in other words seen as highly unusual, strange, eccentric, bizarre. It was the time of the emergence of rockabilly and white rock and roll.

Briefly, the 'rockin daddy from ding dong Tennessee' was hot stuff, playing shows with Presley, Perkins, Cash and all the other singers from Memphis whose music talked off the wall to a whole new generation. Today, it does so again. The CD version of 'Talking Off The Wall!' contains all the 14 LP tracks plus another 11 recordings illustrating other ways of playing some of the songs Eddie recorded.

Two of the alternative tracks are by Eddie himself; a 1975 later version of his signature Mercury recording from 1956, *Rockin' Daddy*, and another take on *Boo Bop Da Caa Caa*, released on his Stompertime label in 1959 within a year of his rejected Sun version.

Eddie Bond's long career as a country disc jockey as well as a singer put him in a fine position to pick interesting songs to record, sometimes when they were new and other times when he thought they could be given new life. It was a rare thing when Eddie didn't match or improve on other versions.

Sonny Fisher wrote and first recorded *Rockin' Daddy* in 1956 and we include that along with his later version from the 1970s. Lattie Moore had first made *Juke Joint Johnny* for Speed Records in Nashville in 1952 and then adapted it as *Juke Box Johnnie* in 1956. Red Sovine soon recorded it again as *Juke Joint Johnnie*, all well before Eddie Bond's version. Hank Penny had recorded a strange western-swing-pop version of the offensive song *Look Like A Monkey* in 1952 for RCA, again years before Eddie recorded it. On the other hand, Eddie's recording of *Slip Slip Slippin' In* was made very soon after Lou Millet's version on Nashville's Republic label in 1956. Finally, we can see here that Eddie's version of *I Got A Woman* was made a year after Ray Charles's original but before Elvis Presley's take on the song in 1956. The comparisons are all fascinating stuff.

The compilation was done by Nico Feuerbach and the liner notes by Martin Hawkins, universally recognized music historian and expert on the music of Memphis, Tennessee.

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## TRACKLISTING:

### Side A:

Rockin' Daddy    Here Comes The Train    Boppin' Bonnie    Running Drunk    Broke My Guitar ( Boo Bop Da Caa Caa )  
Juke Joint Johnny    Talking Off The Wall

### Side B:

Flip Flop Mama    Look Like A Monkey    Baby, Baby, Baby (What Am I Gonna Do)    This Old Heart Of Mine  
Slip, Slip, Slippin' In    The Monkey And The Baboon    I've Got A Woman

### CD:

**Sonny Fisher:** Rockin' Daddy    **Sonny Fisher:** Rockin' Daddy (alt. Version)    **Eddie Bond:** Rockin' Daddy    **Eddie Bond:** Rockin' Daddy  
**Eddie Bond:** Here Comes The Train    **Eddie Bond:** Boppin' Bonnie    **Eddie Bond:** Running Drunk    **Eddie Bond:** Broke My Guitar (Boo Bop Da Caa Caa) (recorded at Sun)    **Eddie Bond:** Boo Bop Da Caa Caa    **Lattie Moore:** Juke Joint Johnnie    **Lattie Moore:** Juke Box Johnnie    **Red Sovine:** Juke Joint Johnny    **Eddie Bond:** Juke Joint Johnny    **Eddie Bond:** Talking Off The Wall    **Eddie Bond:** Flip Flop Mama    **Hank Penny:** You're Bound To Look Like A Monkey    **Eddie Bond:** Look Like A Monkey    **Eddie Bond:** Baby, Baby, Baby (What Am I Gonna Do)    **Eddie Bond:** This Old Heart Of Mine    **Lou Millet:** Slip, Slip, Slippin' In    **Eddie Bond:** Slip, Slip, Slippin' In    **Eddie Bond:** The Monkey And The Baboon    **Ray Charles:** I Got A Woman    **Eddie Bond:** I've Got A Woman    **Elvis Presley:** I Got A Woman

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