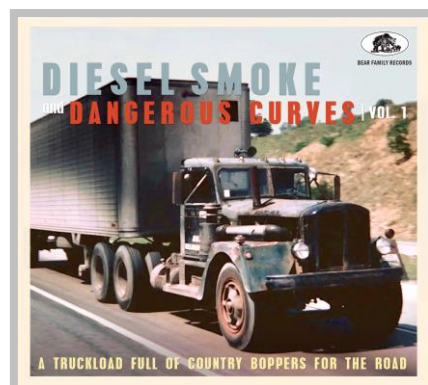


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Artist **Various Artists**
Title **Diesel Smoke And Dangerous Curves Vol.1
A Truckload Full Of Country Boppers For The Road**
Label Bear Family Records
Catalog no. BCD17737 Price code: AR
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INFO:

- **First comprehensive compilation of classic Trucker Country songs from the 1950s and 1960s.**
- **Featuring country legends such as Ernest Tubb, Red Foley, Red Sovine and Red Simpson.**
- **Includes cult trucking anthems like *Diesel Smoke and Dangerous Curves* and *Truck Drivin' Man*.**
- **Packed with rare recordings from the legendary King and Starday labels.**
- **An authentic journey into the myth of American trucker culture, spanning Honky Tonk, Western Swing and the Bakersfield Sound.**

Trucks define country music – at least to people who dislike country music! The reduction of an entire genre to the iconic power of the multi-wheelers may seem strange and superficial, but there is a core of truth in the cliché.

True, the songs lament the everyday struggles of tough blue-collar guys, delivered by tobacco-cured baritone voices. With matter-of-factness or cynical humor, the trucker's basic needs, or cheating on them long, lonely drives on endless nowhere roads are monologued about. And another classic American motif, the epic fight between the loner and the law. Diversion and endurance are supported by popping pills, flirting with cute waitresses, or talking trash on the "Interstate Intranet" that was CB radio.

But there's more to it than that: Trucks and truckers genuinely embody the American spirit, or at least its myth. It's all there – the rugged individualism; the self-made man; the lonely rambler on the lookout for the last frontier - a 20th-century version of the open range and the wily cowboy. No matter how often the road beats you, you get back up, fight your fate, and haul your heavy load all over again.

Several well-known - and just as many obscure - tarmac troubadours hunt down the American dream on this here heavily-loaded anthology: You have the ubiquitous drama king Red Sovine with *Ten Days Out and Two Days In*, country royalty Ernest Tubb and Red Foley offering the tongue-in-cheek masterpiece *It's the Mileage That's Slowin' Us Down*, Bakersfield stalwart Red Simpson with his rendition of *A Tombstone Every Mile* (that's three mighty Reds for ya). Cult classics like Billy Strange's *Diesel Smoke and Dangerous Curves* and *Truck Drivin' Man* via Billy Woods' version are found side by side with more obscure - but no less cult – tracks, *Gear Jammer* (Jimmy Logsdon), and cajun come western swing legend Link Davis' homage to Elvis, *Trucker from Tennessee*.

Trucker country was one of the major styles of the post-war years. The streamlined age fueled it: mass production, the need for speed, change, and the promise of progress after a combined effort to change the world. Thus, the music is fast, rocking, reeling, and wheeling - it ranges from honky tonk and western swing, to rockabilly influenced blues, and the ultimate trucking twanging Telecaster and Fender Twin sound from Bakersfield. There are also two talking blues songs on this great compilation, *That's Truck Drivin'* by Slim Jacobs, and *Green Truck Driver's First Experience with Radar* by Coleman Wilson – highly authentic and fascinating, as if the laconic truckers had invented the talking blues genre while jiving on the CB radio. BCD17737 'Diesel Smoke and Dangerous Curves, Vol. 1' features several rare tracks from King and Starday, two labels that pushed the genre with many classic LP compilations featuring ultra-cool, colorful cover art.

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TRACKLISTING:

CD:

Billy Strange: Diesel Smoke, Dangerous Curves **Bill Woods:** Truck Drivin' Man **Roy Hogsed:** Ain't A Bump In The Road
Herb Duncan: Double Clutching Diesel Man **Red Sovine:** 10 Days Out -2 Days In **Johnny Bond:** Thunder On The Road
Wade Ray: Idaho Red **Slim Jacobs:** That's Truck Drivin' **Jimmy Logsdon:** Gear Jammer **Bob Newman:** Haulin' Freight
Speedy West: Truck Drivers Ride **Ray Salter and The Twin City Playboys:** Truck Driver's Dream **The Willis Brothers:** Blazing Smoke Stack
Lonnie Lillie: Truck Driver's Special **Arthur Smith and His Cracker Jacks:** Truck Stop Grill **Ernest Tubb and Red Foley:** It's The Mileage That's Slowing Us Down
Jack Morris: White Line **Coleman Wilson:** A Green Truck Driver's Experience With Radar
Lonnie Irving: Trucker's Vitus **Ken McWilliams and The Twi-Lighters:** Devil On Death Highway **Sandy Scott:** Mister Big
Jim Boyd and His Men Of The West: Truck Driver's Boogie **Joe 'Cannonball' Lewis:** Truck Driver's Night Run **Ken Clark:** Truck Driving Joe
Red Simpson: A Tombstone Every Mile **Lee Emerson:** Truck Stop Cutie **Ray Smith:** Lonesome Truck Driver's Blues
The Willis Brothers: When I Come Driving Thru **Lloyd Howell and The Brite Stars:** Truck Driving Jack **Billy Barton:** Ten Wheels
Virgil Vickers: Truck Driver's Rock **Red Sovine:** Truck Drivin' Son-Of-A-Gun **Link Davis:** Trucker From Tennessee

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Various Artists:
Destination Freeway

BCD17716 AB
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EAN: 4000127177162



Roger Miller:
King Of The Road

BCD15477 AH
1-CD with 24-page booklet
EAN: 4000127154774



Various Artists:
Destination Jail Vol. 1

BCD17689 AB
1-CD with 20-page booklet
EAN: 4000127176899



Various Artists:
Destination Jail Vol. 2

BCD17709 AB
1-CD with 12-page booklet
EAN: 4000127177094



Wade Ray:
Idaho Red - Gonna Shake This Shack Tonight

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1-CD (Digipak) with 48-page booklet
EAN: 4000127172198



Johnny Cash:
Travelling Cash - An Imaginary Journey

BCD16820 AH
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Various Artists:
Truckers, Kickers, Cowboy Angels Vol.1
The Blissed-Out Birth Of Country Rock 1966-68

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Various Artists:
Truckers, Kickers, Cowboy Angels Vol.2
The Blissed-Out Birth Of Country Rock 1969

BCD17362 AH
1-CD (Digipak) with 56-page booklet
EAN: 5397102173622



Various Artists:
Truckers, Kickers, Cowboy Angels Vol.3
The Blissed-Out Birth Of Country Rock 1970

BCD17363 BS
2-CD (Digipak) with 84-page booklet
EAN: 5397102173639



Various Artists:
Truckers, Kickers, Cowboy Angels Vol.4
The Blissed-Out Birth Of Country Rock 1971

BCD17364 BS
2-CD (Digipak) with 84-page booklet
EAN: 5397102173646



Various Artists:
Truckers, Kickers, Cowboy Angels Vol.6
The Blissed-Out Birth Of Country Rock 1973

BCD17366 BS
2-CD (Digipak) with 92-page booklet
EAN: 5397102173660



Various Artists:
Truckers, Kickers, Cowboy Angels Vol.7
The Blissed-Out Birth Of Country Rock 1974-75

BCD17367 BS
2-CD (Digipak) with 90-page booklet
EAN: 5397102173677



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