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Exit Wounds

Faultline Records TRC036FaultCD

Distributed by MGM

Exit Wounds is a hardcore metal band based in Melbourne. This high-energy five-track EP is typical of this genre: cranking distorted guitar power chords and riffs, rapid-fire drumming, and screaming, guttural, retching vocals. Although this manner of vocal delivery is violent and intimidating, the lyrics themselves are difficult to understand. But perhaps this does not matter in the context of hardcore since the main message being communicated is anger about powerlessness in the oppressive society. The five songs have a sameness about them. Indeed while listening casually it is easy to miss the changes of tracks since the songs are all centred around the key centre of C and have similar tempi and musical content. Exit Wounds should be aiming for greater variety of musical texture and gesture as appropriate to their genre.