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CD 1 01. *War Paint* [00:04:26] 02. *Walk With Me* [00:02:58] 03. *Love Is Blind* [00:05:34]  
04. *Go Faster* [00:02:54] 05. *Fooled Again* [00:08:01] 06. *Omg (What's Your Name)* [00:04:18]  
07. *Help Me (Ns Version)* [00:04:32] 08. *Bad Situation* [00:03:49] 09. *Lie To Me* [00:04:08] 10.  
*Fear* [00:04:45] 11. *You Can't Save Me* [00:04:17] 12. *Doing What The Devil Says To Do*  
[00:05:16] 13. *Remember (Reprise)* [00:05:23] CD 2 01. *What Is* [00:04:03] 02.  
*High* [00:04:32] 03. *Change* [00:03:20] 04. *Special (Acoustic Version)* [00:03:52] 05. *Paint It*  
*On (Acoustic Version)* [00:04:20] 06. *Holding On (Acoustic Version)* [00:03:50] 07. *Until You*  
*Suffer Some (Fire And Ice) (Acoustic Version)* [00:03:37] 08. *The Road (Acoustic Version)*  
[00:03:54] 09. *Regret (Original Demo Version)* [00:03:50] 10. *Damaged (Original Demo*  
*Version)* [00:02:23]

The Essential Richie Kotzen is a career retrospective collection encompassing Kotzen's impressive career and includes his most essential work. The two-CD package is made up of classic Kotzen material, acoustic performances, bootleg material, and the brand new songs "War Paint" and "Walk With Me." A DVD is also a part of the packaging - bursting with music videos, acoustic performances, and bootleg material here too. Later this month, fans will be able to hear a sneak-peek of this new mammoth release as a three-song sampler (which includes the two new songs) will be serviced to rock radio stations.

Regarding the two new tunes, "War Paint," with its blusey intro, "...was a challenge to make a studio recording sound like a live band with only one musician playing all the instruments. I think I accomplished that on this track."

And as far as "Walk With Me": "There was a specific sound I was hearing in the song. I realized it was a Theremin, so I bought one. I spent a couple of weeks learning it. I used that where the lead guitar would normally go. It was a really rewarding departure for me."

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In addition to all his solo projects, Kotzen is the guitar for, and fronts the band, The Winery Dogs with bassist Billy Sheehan and drummer Mike Portnoy; their self-titled debut album debuted at #27 on the Billboard "Top 200 Albums" chart. --- [axs.com](#)

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