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01. *Tattoo* 02. *She's The Woman* 03. *You And Your Blues* 04. *China Town* [play](#) 05. *Blood And Fire* 06. *Bullethead* 07. *As Is* 08. *Honeybabysweetiedoll* 09. *The Trouble With Never* 10. *Outta Space*

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11. *Stay Frosty* 12. *Big River* 13. *Beats Workin'*

Personnel David Lee Roth - lead vocals Eddie Van Halen - guitar, keyboards, backing vocals  
Alex Van Halen - drums Wolfgang Van Halen - bass guitar, backing vocals

Despite the multi-platinum gluttony of the Sammy Hagar era, true Van Halen devotees have never been in any doubt about who they want to front their favourite band. Some 28 years after *Jump* and *Hot for Teacher*, David Lee Roth has squeezed back into his old spandex pants, his lascivious yelping at last reunited with legendary guitarist Eddie Van Halen's nimble-fingered pyrotechnics (see page 12). In truth, this would have to be a dismal affair to fail to outstrip 1998's scorned *Van Halen III*, but once the DLR-related euphoria dies down, *A Different Kind of Truth* is a frequently thrilling return. These songs crackle, fizz and bulge with priapic exuberance, and not just due to the reliably demented Roth. Seemingly inspired by the presence of his 20-year-old son Wolfgang on bass, Van Halen is on extraordinary form, whether churning out sumptuous grooves on *Tattoo* and *Big River*, or gleefully setting his fretboard alight on *China Town* and the bug-eyed *Bullethead*. Against the odds, the party metal kings are back and blazing. Fun times. ---Dom Lawson, guardian.co.uk

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