

## Diesel – Under The Influence (2011)

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01. *Spanish Castle Magic* (3:08) 02. *Cross Cut Saw* (3:10) 03. *I'm A Ram* (3:43) 04. *Have Love, Will Travel* (2:35) 05. *Thang 5* (2:54) 06. *Can't Get Next To You* (4:03) 07. *Cinnamon Girl* (3:13) [play](#) 08. *Thang 4* (3:04) 09. *Wind Cries Mary* (3:58) 10. *Going Down* (3:34) 11. *Reconsider Baby* (3:17) [play](#) 12. *It's All In The Game* (4:01) 13. *Caladonia* (3:37) 14. *Rumble* (2:22) 15. *Thang 6* (2:59)

Musicians: Johnny Diesel (vocals, guitar); Bernie Bremond (saxes, backing vocals); Yak Sherrit (drums); Johnny 'Tatt' Dalzell (bass) 'F A Horns' (Johnny Diesel, Bernie Bremond & Terry Manning)

It takes a brave man to cover the likes of Jimi Hendrix and Neil Young, but Diesel has never been one to shy away from a challenge. Mark Lizotte aka Diesel's latest release *Under The Influence* is his attempt to capture some of the magic of these legends in his own unique way. Considering the alumni he tackles, the results are impressive indeed. Anytime a project like this rears its head, it will without a doubt garner much discussion and even its detractors, but no one will be in any dispute that Diesel is a guitar fiend and this album will leave even the most pessimistic shredders satisfied.

So it's been over 25 years since young Diesel along with his Injectors left Perth to tackle the big bad world of rock. In this time, it seems as though he has done it all and with record sales heading towards the 1 million mark, you would be excused for thinking that he would be slowing down. That could not be further from the truth, with quite possibly this being his most challenging and unique release. The album is classic blues at its core, although indeed it provides stylistic range from R&B through to classic rock.

With this album, Diesel celebrates 25 years on the scene and he honors some of the key influences in his music, hence the title. Featuring 15 tracks in total, the album includes mostly

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covers, although these are well fused with 3 fantastic original Diesel instrumentals (Thang 4, Thang 5, Thang 6). Stand out cover tracks include The Sonics' "Have Love, Will Travel" which includes a cameo from Jimmy Barnes and my personal favorite, Neil Young's "Cinnamon Girl". Other pleasers are "Caladonia" and "Reconsider Baby".

As eclectic as the songs are, so are the artists covered from Hendrix through to the Sonics. It showcases the skills of an Australian rock icon and captures a raw sound that will be great to hear on his current "Under the Influence/25 Year Anniversary" tour. --- [theaureview.com](http://theaureview.com)

Some 25 years ago in Perth, singer-guitarist Mark Lizotte (aka Diesel) finalised the line-up for his band at that time, Johnny Diesel and the Injectors. Within a matter of months they were on their way across the Nullarbor, blitzing it live and heading for a national top 3 album chart debut. In those intervening years since leaving Perth, he has sold in excess of 800,000 records and become a household name, simply as 'Diesel'.

And now to celebrate his alter ego's silver jubilee, Diesel has cut 15 tracks for his brand new album 'Under The Influence' - an album dedicated to his musical heroes 'Under The Influence' presents some familiar songs in ways you've never heard before and similarly it's Diesel in as good a form as you've ever heard him! 'Under The Influence' will be released through Liberation Music on July 1st, 2011.

Diesel showcased some of the songs from 'Under The Influence' on the recent Joe Cocker/George Thorogood tour where he earned rave reviews. To celebrate his 25th Anniversary in music and the release of his new album, Diesel will undertake a full national tour from late July to blow out the candles on the cake and blow the roof off pubs and clubs right across the country. --- [dieselmusic.com.au](http://dieselmusic.com.au)

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