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01. *Into Overdrive* 02. *Take Me Higher* 03. *Crying* 04. *Standing As One* 05. *California Rush*
06. *Indestructible* 07. *Turn It Up* 08. *The Hunter* 09. *Give It All* 10. *Don't Walk Away* 11. *Powergames*
Musicians: Alexander Strandell - Vocals Jhonny Göransson - Guitars Olle Lindahl - Guitars Mikael Planefeldt - Bass Niklas Arkbro - Keyboard Efraim Larsson – Drums

Sweden's Diamond Dawn wears their influences on their collective sleeves. Their debut album, *Overdrive*, is pure and uncompromising classic melodic hard rock in the best Eighties AOR style.

While that Eighties rock style may be the larger canvas, Diamond Dawn sounds, at times, like a cross between Toto and Survivor, especially on *Take Me Higher*, *Don't Walk Away*, or *Into Overdrive*. Yet, generally, the band works the fundamentals: clear and melodic vocal arrangements, hooks in both composition and choruses, strong lead guitar lines, fervent rhythm section, and a nice layer synths.

It seems strange coming from a band that were likely mere toddlers back in the day. They must have been raised on their parents' record collection. Nevertheless, *Overdrive* sounds great and Diamond Dawn nails the classic rock genre with class, attitude, and energy. Those aforementioned tunes are representative, then add *Cryin'* and *Standing As One* as stand out pieces. However, the signature big Eighties style rocker is likely *Turn It Up*. I wouldn't be surprised if this would be their next video. Diamond Dawn's *Overdrive* is easily recommended to fans of classic AOR melodic hard rock. --- Craig Hartranft, dangerdog.com

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