

= The Vinyl Conflict =

The Vinyl Conflict is a box set by the thrash metal band Slayer , released October 12 , 2010 . It includes all ten of Slayer 's studio albums since 1986 and their 1991 live album Decade of Aggression . The idea of releasing a second box set was made public in August 2010 . It was first released with a price of \$ 199 @.@ 99 . The albums are all in vinyl and are remastered . It received generally positive reception from critics .

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In August 2010 , it was announced that band would be releasing a second box set after Soundtrack to the Apocalypse (2003) , and would include every one of Slayer 's studio albums from 1986 's Reign In Blood to 2009 's World Painted Blood . It originally had a price tag of \$ 199 @.@ 99 , but is now sold at retail price of \$ 149 @.@ 98 . It was released through American Recordings and Sony . Blabbermouth.net noted that they are " treating the albums the way they would treat a great jazz , classical , Bob Dylan or Miles Davis record , something that isn 't normally done for metal records . " To increase quality , Lacquers were cut several times , and the original albums were remastered . It was released as a high @-@ quality 180 gram audiophile vinyl , pressed at RTI , an American pressing plant . The vinyl discs are packaged in a standard , clear inner sleeve to preserve the vinyl , and are also in high @-@ quality litho @-@ wrapped jackets , and boxed in a slipcase . Reproductions of the original albums inner sleeve artwork were converted to 12 inch square inserts to fit the standard vinyl disc covers .

Adam Farber of Sony Music Entertainment explained : " The vinyl box is a real treat for fans , especially with today 's renewed and increased interest in vinyl . " It is the first time that ten of Slayer 's studio albums have been mass @-@ produced on vinyl . Dino Paredes of American Records relates : " It 's been years and years since the Slayer vinyl has been in print ? only the two most recent albums are currently available on vinyl , the rest have been out of print for years and very hard to find . These albums sound spectacular ? they sound like you 've never heard them before . Everything about ' The Vinyl Conflict ' ? the look of it , the feel of it ? is very strong , very powerful , very Slayer , from the music to the dripping , bloody pentagram on the front of the box . It 's perfect . "

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John Kosik of the Associated Press criticized its price , stating : " For \$ 200 , casual fans may want to steer clear . " Kosik also said that what it " offers the hard @-@ core listener goes beyond the distinct romance of vinyl 's warm , earthy sound . " Bob Gendron of TONEAudio wrote that the box set was a " godsend " and also said that they were " amazingly produced LPs that bring to life several of the greatest metal records ever made ? " Guitar World praised the box set for its mastering , saying the benefits of the treatment " are immediately clear when you drop the needle onto one of these babies . Basically all the songs Slayer fans lose their mind over are here , sounding heavier , livelier and more brutal than ever . " He also said that the remastering made a listener want to thoroughly listen to the music .

= = Album listing = =