

= Won 't Back Down (Eminem song) =

" Won 't Back Down " is a song by American hip hop artist Eminem , featuring American pop singer Pink , recorded as the fourth track on his seventh studio album Recovery (2010) . It features production from Aftermath Entertainment producer DJ Khalil , who helped write the song along with Eminem , Erik Alcock , and Columbus " Rahki " Smith .

Upon the release of Recovery , the song received generally positive reviews from music critics , who praised its aggressive nature and production . Although not released as a single , " Won 't Back Down " appeared on four national charts . It was used in the video game Call of Duty : Black Ops and its trailer as well as the trailers for the films Mission : Impossible ? Ghost Protocol and Hitman : Agent 47 . It was performed on Saturday Night Live and Late Night with Jimmy Fallon .

= = Background and composition = =

" Won 't Back Down " was written by Eminem , DJ Khalil , Erik Alcock and Columbus " Rahki " Smith . Along with most of the songs from Recovery , " Won 't Back Down " was recorded at 54 Sound and Effigy Studios in Ferndale , Michigan , with recording carried out by Mike Strange . The song is one of the only Eminem songs not in a 4 : 4 time signature , along with Untitled (also from Recovery) and Underground (from Relapse) . Originally , the song was set to be a solo record , with Eminem singing the chorus himself . Later , Liz Rodriguez , who is also featured on Recovery 's " 25 to Life " and " Almost Famous " , recorded the song 's chorus . Eminem however , explained in an interview that after recording his vocals for the song , he decided to include Pink on the song as he " felt like she would really smash this record . " Rahki co @-@ produced the song with Khalil .

= = Reception = =

Although " Won 't Back Down " was not released as a single , it charted on four national charts worldwide due to digital sales on the release of Recovery . The song reached its highest position on the US Billboard Hot 100 , where it peaked at number 62 on the chart for the week ending of July 10 , 2010 , although it fell off the chart the following week . The song also charted in Australia , Canada and the United Kingdom , peaking at number eighty @-@ seven , sixty @-@ five and eighty @-@ two on their respective national charts , although on all three the song again only appeared for one week .

Upon its release , " Won 't Back Down " received generally positive reviews from most music critics . David Jeffries of Allmusic wrote positively of the song , describing the song as a " lurching heavy metal monster " that " could be used as the lead @-@ in to ' Lose Yourself ' on any ego @-@ boosting mixtape " , but wrote more critically of the lyrics , denouncing the pop culture jokes featured throughout the song , particularly ones aimed at Michael J. Fox , calling the line " Make like Michael J. Fox in your drawers , playin ' with an Etch @-@ A @-@ Sketch " " less effective " than other jokes aimed at him . Steve Jones of USA Today described it as " rock @-@ tinged " and stated that Pink 's appearance provides " outside star power " .

= = Appearances in media = =

A remixed version of the ESPN trailer of the video game Call of Duty : Black Ops featuring " Won 't Back Down " was released on June 14 , prior to the E3 Activision conference for which he also performed . The song was also featured in the game 's credits and zombie mode map " Five " as an easter egg . The official trailer for the 2011 action film , Mission : Impossible ? Ghost Protocol , features " Won 't Back Down " . The song is also featured in TV spots for the 2015 movie Hitman : Agent 47 .

Eminem has performed the song on live sketch comedy show Saturday Night Live accompanied by Lil Wayne and hypeman and D12 member Mr. Porter . Eminem wore a black jacket and a skull cap . Idolator reacted positively to Eminem 's performance , stating that he proved " once again what a

dynamic and energetic live performer he is on this exceptionally angry tune (even by Slim Shady standards) . " He also performed the song on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon .

= = Credits and personnel = =

Recording

Recorded at : Effigy Studios in Ferndale , Michigan .

Personnel

Eminem ? vocals , audio mixing and songwriting

DJ Khalil ? producer , additional keyboards and drum programming

Mike Strange ? recording and audio mixing

Joe Strange ? engineering assistant

Eric Alcock ? guitar

Pink ? vocals

Rahki ? keyboards and additional drum programming

Notes

Credits and recording information from Recovery 's booklet .

= = Charts = =