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Venom are an English heavy metal band formed in 1979 in Newcastle upon Tyne.^[1] Coming to prominence towards the end of the new wave of British heavy metal, Venom's first two albums—*Welcome to Hell* (1981) and *Black Metal* (1982)—are considered a major influence on thrash metal and extreme metal in general.^[1] Venom's second album proved influential enough that its title was used as the name of an extreme metal subgenre: black metal.



