

! Compare a Real Smile 12" Single with a Fake one.

Posted by Lari - 2011/02/06 15:07

I was wondering if you guys would know if this is the original or the fake 12" Smile Single...

Thanks in advance!

<http://img87.imageshack.us/img87/4937/dscn5021v.jpg>

<http://img98.imageshack.us/img98/3175/dscn5022z.jpg>

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Re: Smile 12" Vinyl Single

Posted by Abe - 2011/02/07 02:10

for me looks like fake

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Re: Smile 12" Vinyl Single

Posted by Laura - 2011/02/07 04:54

Unfortunately Lari, this is a 100% fake.

If you see some on Ebay, please BE REALLY REALLY CAREFUL for 2 main reasons: 1) 98% of Smile 12" Vinyls and CDs are fake according to our long-time experience there. 2) Many scum sellers add the real Smile 12" and/or CDs cover and matrix numbers and if you contact them, they will send you better higher resolution pictures of those they own in their personal collections (indeed the real ones they won't sell) BUT WHEN YOU GET THE PARCEL, YOU'LL FACE THE AWFUL SURPRISE TO RECEIVE THE FAKE ONE(S). In this case, you'll lose your money since not Ebay nor Pay Pal will refund you because it's your word against the seller's one and for Pay Pal, the proof of delivery is enough to close the case in favor of a seller (even if dishonest).

In case of doubts, please contact us and/or write a post here and we will verify the honesty of the seller and any pictures.

Anyway, we suggest you all to buy the rarest Records/CDs at record fairs and/or pick up them personally, when the cost is around 1000-2500 USD or more (such as Signatures Series CD, Taste Of Invincible, Pepsi Dangerous Japan Promos etc..).

TIPS TO RECOGNIZE A REAL SMILE 12" AND/OR CD FROM A FAKE ONE:

Original Smile 12" must have the complete barcode on the back. Then, it must have 2 circles on the inner label as the picture attached below:

<http://www.mjjcollectors.com/images/fbfiles/images/Smileoriginal.jpg>

If stripes are broken it's a fake one.

Both sides must be printed in same colour and must have the original label print and matrix typed numbers:

01 665130 20 1A1 - 01 665130 20 1B1

Picture Sleeve must be in a darker tone than the fake one.

Be Careful because there are also some fake Smile CD,s too .

Some fake are simply made with awful and pale covers with a too much light Michael's face, while others are not printed with the complete picture sleeves. Moreover, CD itself does have the original matrix number and stripe code in the middle of the CD ring.

The same goes with the original Smile white promo CD which must have the complete dancing feet logo on the CD itself.

The fake one shows the discontinued stripes and the inner ring only contains the 4673 number instead of the full matrix stripes with the full number which is S1100467317-0101 11

(Thanks to MJsBack for his info)

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Re: Smile 12" Vinyl Single

Posted by Lari - 2011/02/07 19:06

Thank you so much for all the info, Laura! I really appreciate it.

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Re: ! Compare a Real Smile 12" Single with a Fake one.

Posted by SunflowerMJ - 2012/02/24 23:21

Thank you Laura. It really helped me.

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Re: ! Compare a Real Smile 12" Single with a Fake one.

Posted by Laura - 2012/02/25 08:00

You're welcome!

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Re: ! Compare a Real Smile 12" Single with a Fake one.

Posted by Laura - 2012/10/29 13:28

Wiktor look at this link where I posted the right ORIGINAL Smile 12" Single. So you can read differences and see the picture of the original one.

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