

Off the Record—Sweet (Capitol)

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Off the record, indeed! If these guys keep this nonsense up, next they'll find themselves off the record player! Following a couple of Top-10 singles, a gold album, and a vacation of a year

or so, Sweet have come up with a perfectly produced album that offers a lot of high energy stuff done in their totally identifiable style. Unfortunately, what the LP *doesn't* offer is one tune worth remembering.

Sweet actually manage to chase their tail for two sides without moving at all. They do aimless disco ("Funk It Up"), take a few stabs at catchy melodies ("Stairway to the Stars"), and churn out their quota of the usual drum-infested, harmony-laden, foot-tapping sounds ("Fever of Love," "Windy City"). But, for some strange reason, they don't come up with one real song. A lot of almoses, but coming close has never counted for much except in the realm of horseshoes. Sad to say that *Off the Record* lives up to its name. This one is as hummable as a Kraftwerk album.