



The Smile Dutch 12" single (#6651306) is probably the most sought after record by Michael Jackson collectors. A very limited number of these records briefly reached Dutch retail stores in 1997, but were quickly withdrawn and destroyed by Sony, making legit originals very rare. Collectors are currently paying upwards of **\$1800** (about 1365 Euro) for this record, and demand far exceeds the very limited supply.

Seeking to capitalize on the rarity and incredible demand for this record, bootleggers began to reproduce counterfeit versions of the record in hopes of flooding the marketplace with worthless (and cheap to manufacture) copies. In fact, the Smile 12" is easily the most bootlegged Michael Jackson record in the world, and the vast majority of the listings that have appeared on Ebay are worthless fakes. Counterfeit copies of these records first appeared by 2006, and subsequent reproductions are still in heavy circulation today.

In these articles we will examine the differences between authentic and fake Smile releases for both the Dutch vinyl release and the various compact disc releases.

### **How To Recognize A Real Smile 12" From A Fake One:**

## Smile 5 Track Commercial 12" Single (Holland)

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665130 00 - **Fake !** 665130 00 - R1 (Side A) - first numbers are located just <http://www.yoursonline.com>