

Kiss Facts

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- Rod Stewart was originally supposed to record the song "Hard luck Woman", before it was done by KISS.
- * Eric Carr submitted his application to KISS in an orange envelope so it would stand out (it obviously worked).
- * Although most people know Eric Carr was a gas range repairman, he also worked as a file clerk for the Dept. Of Criminal Justice, sliced cold cuts in a Queens supermarket, and worked with his father delivering refrigerators and mixing cement.
- * Eric Carr avoided the military draft by purposely failing the mental and physical tests
- * Eric Carr narrowly escaped a club fire, and saved the life of a female singer during the 1970's. The fire claimed the lives of two of his then band members. The trucking firm that kept KISS on the road during the 70's was called J.B. Fields.
- * Before Rockology was released, a 4 song EP entitled The Rockheads was released and limited to only 5,000 copies. The songs included: Too Cool for School, Tiara, Can you feel, it Nasty Boys.
- * Honey and King Kong were the names of one of Ace's pre Kiss bands.
- * "Spit" features an almost word-for-word rendering of a verse from the Spinal Tap song, "Big Bottom".
- * During the late 70s/early 80s Cheap Trick threw Destroyer and Dynasty albums while they sang their song 'Surrender' which has the line 'rollin numbers, rockin' rollin, got my KISS records out.
- * The address of Kiss' first booked show was 52 Bleeker St, downtown NY
- * The alternative titles for the KISS MY ASS album were: Great Expectations and Kiss This.
- * Once, the band was on a tour where the road manager for a rival band would cut the power to the stage so KISS couldn't do encores. That all changed one night when KISS' road manager held his rival at knife-point and locked him in an equipment case.
- * When "Spin" Magazine printed the 4 issues with KISS on the cover (4 different covers)...the prints were split up as follows: 60% Gene Simmons, 25% Paul Stanley, and the remaining 15% were split up between Ace and Peter.
- * In 1994, Kiss was offered \$1 million dollars to reunite in makeup with Ace and Peter and headline the Woodstock '94 festival. Paul and Gene were quick to turn it down.
- * In 1978, Kiss was the first band offered the role of F.V.B (Future Villain Band) in the movie "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," that starred Peter Frampton and the Bee Gees. Kiss turned down the role in fear of hurting their "super hero" image, and it was then given to Aerosmith.
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 - The second Music From The Elder was going to be called War Of The Gods.
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 - In late 1989, Kiss was scheduled to co-headline a festival in Australia with Joe Cocker called "World Rock '89" that never occurred due to poor promotion.
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 - In 1989, Eric Carr worked pre-production on an EP for a band called Electric Thunder.
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 - After performing "Whole Lotta Love" and "Won't Get Fooled Again" during the "Asylum" tour, KISS toyed around with the idea of recording a cover song for the "Crazy Nights" album.
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 - Kiss's 1996 MTV Video Music Awards performance was originally supposed to take place at the Statue of Liberty.
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 - In early 1982, Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley were spokesmen for a Cerebral Palsy foundation and made appearances on local New York telethons.
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 - Warrant guitarist Erik Turner was one of the production people who helped put the new "Kisstory II" book together.
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 - Ken Kelly, the artist who painted both the "Destroyer" and "Love Gun" album covers also painted album covers for Rainbow and Manowar.
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 - The 1977-78 "Love Gun" tour ended in Fort Worth, Texas with a pie fight that included many celebrities.
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Ace Frehley patterned his guitar solo on the song "She" after Robby Krieger's solo on the Doors' classic 1968 song "Five to One."

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Disappointed in not being able to participate on the 1994 "KISS My Ass" tribute album, Stone Temple Pilots planned on recording a full album of KISS covers

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In the late 1980s, Gene Simmons was arrested after a KISS performance for dropping his pants backstage to "situate" and make himself more "comfortable"

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According to Gene Simmons, Paul McCartney was set to appear on Gene's 1978 solo album, but had to pull out due to a scheduling problem.

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In 1989, plans had begun for a reunion/makeup tour to feature Paul, Gene, Ace and Eric Carr, but those plans unfortunately fell through.

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With 30 albums to their credit, Kiss currently has the biggest catalog out of any artist in every genre on the Polygram Records roster.

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Early in Kiss's career, Paul Stanley incorporated a small mole into his makeup design.

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Peter Criss's real full name is George Peter Crisscoula III

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Sammy Hagar was thrown off as the opening act of a Kiss tour during the late 70's due to using foul language on stage.

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During the mid-70's Gene wore braces on his bottom teeth.

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Gene got the lyrical notion for the song Watchin' You from the Hitchcock movie "Rear Window".

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Psycho Circus was rewarded with the band's highest ever chart position.

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Murder In High Heels takes its title from a paperback novel from the 1950's.

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KISS was paid 35 Dollars split 4 ways for their first live show at The Coventry in 1973.

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In 1983 Brazil banned anyone under the age of 16 from attending a KISS concert without an adult.

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Deuce was inspired by the bass line from the Rolling Stones song "Bitch".

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Two alternative titles for the Carnival of Souls Album were Head, and Seduction of the Innocent.

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Paul Stanley designed the "KISS Army Depot-No Substitutes Logo.

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Flaming Youth was the first KISS single to feature a picture sleeve.

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