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## Casey James - Strip It Down



**Casey James** hits his mark dead-center with his new 14-track **Blues** release, **Casey James - Strip It Down**, produced by **Grammy® Winner Tom Hambridge**. Joined by **Ron McNelley**, **Tommy McDonald**, **Delbert McClinton**, **Pat Buchanan**, **Muscle Shoals Horns**, **Tom Hambridge**, and **Wendy Moten**, former **American Idol** finalist **Casey James** proves his talent as a **singer, songwriter, and guitarist**.



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**Personnel:** **Casey James** - vocals, lead and rhythm guitars, handclaps, **Ron McNelley** - rhythm guitar, slide guitar, **Kevin McKendree** - Wurlitzer, piano, B3 organ, **Tommy McDonald** - bass, **Tom Hambridge** - drums, percussion, tambourine, background vocals, hand claps, **Delbert McClinton** - vocals, hand claps, **Pat Buchanan** - rhythm guitar, harmonica, **Muscle Shoals Horns**, **Wendy Moten** - background vocals

**Casey James - Strip It Down** was produced by **Tom Hambridge**. Casey James wrote, or co-wrote, all the songs on the release except for the Mertis JR John and William Edward John song, *Need Your Love So Bad*.

The 14-track release opens with the guitar forward, *All I Need*, written by Casey James, Tom Hambridge, and Terry McBride, with its lyrics, "I don't worry 'bout this, don't worry 'bout that, you can't go back..." that is a treat for the senses with Casey James singing and playing lead and rhythm guitars, **Ron McNelley** on rhythm guitar, **Tommy McDonald** on bass, **Kevin McKendree** on Wurlitzer, and **Tom Hambridge** on drums and contributing background vocals.

**Delbert McClinton** joins Casey James in a duet on *Bulletproof* written by Casey James, Delbert McClinton, and Al Anderson, with some pounding piano by **Kevin McKendree** then continues with the song, *Hard Times, Heartaches & Scars*, which gets its punch from **Muscle Shoals Horns** while spicing up the track with great horn interludes; the song segues into the track, *Hurt Me More*.

The catchy *I Got To Go* will keep you moving and grooving even if you never leave your chair with **Kevin McKendree** playing hot piano and a B3 organ on this one. **Tom Hambridge** sets the pace with a powerful drum intro on *Messin' Around*, written by Casey James and Adam Searan, with **Kevin McKendree** on piano, **Wendy Moten** adding background vocals, **Tommy McDonald** on bass, **Pat Buchanan** on bass, and

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**Casey James** playing lead and rhythm guitars.

Casey James and Adam Searan team up again on the co-written titletrack, *Strip It All Down*, which is out-and-out fabulous; great lyrics and well-crafted instrumentals make it a definite winner. Casey James takes it nice and slow on the 1956 song, *Need Your Love So Bad*, written by Mertis JR John, and William Edward John.

The release keeps on the slow and easy with *Different Kind Of Love*, written by Casey James, Steve Pasch, and Jonathan Edwards, and is another favorite of mine, with its great horn opening contributed by **Muscle Shoals Horns**, with **Kevin McKendree** playing B3 organ, and lovely background vocals by **Wendy Moten**.

Picking up the pace, Casey slides into *Supernatural* with **Pat Buchanan** on rhythm guitar, **Kevin McKendree** on Wurlitzer, **Tommy McDonald** on bass, **Tom Hambridge** on drums, percussion, and tambourine, **Wendy Moten** adding background vocals, and **Muscle Shoals horns**.

*Next in the play list is Killin' Myself*, a great track co-written by Casey James and Tom Hambridge. Get ready for Jump Blues with some rollicking piano by **Kevin McKendree** on the song, *Makin' Up*, written by Casey James and Brice Long, which will have you on your feet dancing to this fast-paced tempo and singing along with its catchy lyrics. Delbert McClinton adds background vocals and handclaps on this one.

*Stupid Crazy* features **Bonnie Bishop** providing background vocals to Casey's lead vocals, with Kevin McKendree layering in the Wurlitzer.

The release deftly closes with *Fight You For The Blues*, with *Rob McNelley* opening with a wicked slide guitar. From start to finish, *Casey James - Strip It Down*, is downright fabulous, so pick up a copy and be sure to read the liner notes and the lyrics to fully appreciate Casey James - singer, songwriter, and guitarist.

Until next time, keep enjoying the music!

Websites where you can procure *Casey James - Strip It Down*: [iTunes](#), and [Amazon.com](#)

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