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# THE SPECIALS

First Chart-Entry: 1979

## Chart-Chronology Singles and Albums



All songs and albums are listed that have entered  
the official Top 100 (UK, USA or Germany)

Germany



From the 1950ies  
to the current charts



United Kingdom

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# Chart - Chronology

The Top-100 Singles and Albums from  
Germany, the United Kingdom and the USA



## The Specials

*The Specials, also known as The Special AKA, are an English 2 Tone and ska revival band formed in 1977 in Coventry. After some early changes, the first stable lineup of the group consisted of Terry Hall and Neville Staple on vocals, Lynval Golding and Roddy Radiation on guitars, Horace Panter on bass, Jerry Dammers on keyboards, John Bradbury on drums, and Dick Cuthell and Rico Rodriguez on horns. Their music combines a "danceable ska and rocksteady beat with punk's energy and attitude". Lyrically, they present a "more focused and informed political and social stance". [Wikipedia]*

Singles						Longplay					
	B P	Top 100	Top 40	Top 10	# 1		B P	Top 100	Top 40	Top 10	# 1
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### Singles

		D	GB	USA
1	Gangsters	► The Special A.K.A. ◄	07/1979	6
2	A Message To You Rudy / Nite Club	► The Specials feat. Rico+ ◄	10/1979	10
3	The Special A.K.A. Live EP		01/1980	1 <sup>2</sup>
4	Rat Race / Rude Buoy's Outa Jail		05/1980	5
5	Stereotype / International Jet Set		09/1980	6
6	Do Nothing / Maggie's Farm		12/1980	4
7	Ghost Town		06/1981	1 <sup>3</sup>
8	The Boiler	► Rhoda With The Specials ◄	01/1982	35
9	War Crimes (The Crime Remains The Same)	► The Special A.K.A. ◄	01/1983	84
10	Racist Friend / Bright Light	► The Special A.K.A. ◄	09/1983	60
11	Nelson Mandela	► The Special A.K.A. ◄	03/1984	9
12	What I Like Most About You Is Your Girlfriend	► The Special A.K.A. ◄	09/1984	51
13	Hypocrite		02/1996	66
14	Pressure Drop	► The Specials feat. S Staple & Kendell ◄	04/1996	100

### Longplay

1	Specials			11/1979	4	02/1980	84
2	More Specials			10/1980	5	11/1980	98
3	In The Studio		► The Special A.K.A. ◀	06/1984	34		
4	The Specials Singles			09/1991	10		
5	The Best Of The Specials			04/2008	26		
6	Specials - The Original Specials - 2 CD Special Edition			04/2015	94		
7	Encore	02/2019	20	02/2019	1	1	
8	Protest Songs 1924-2012	10/2021	47	10/2021	2		



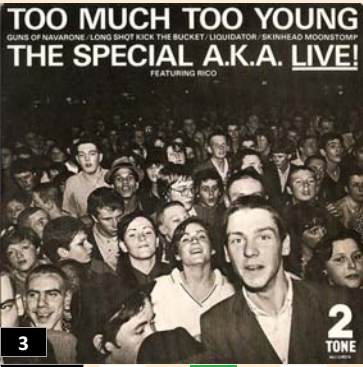
The Specials



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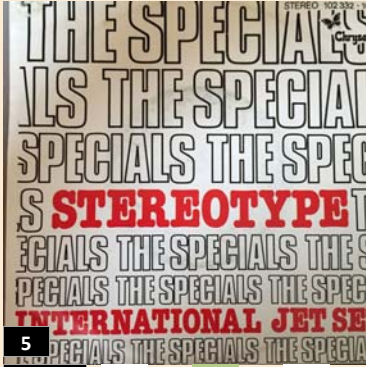
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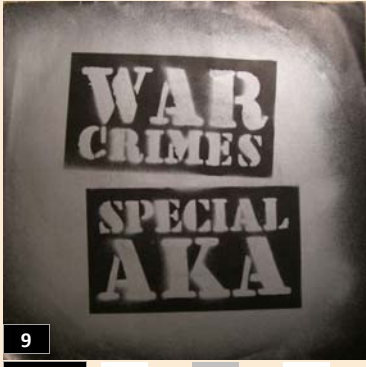
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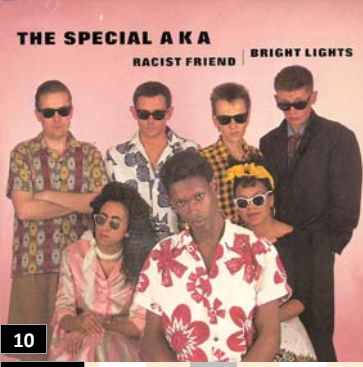
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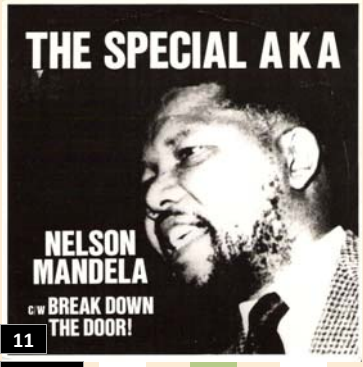
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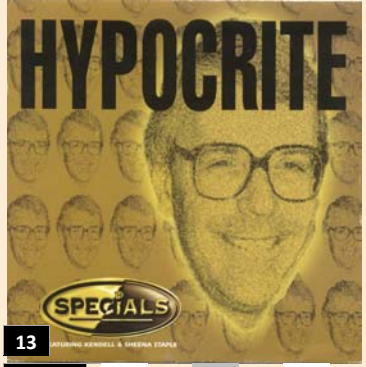
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12 09/1984 51 What I Like Most About You Is Your Girlfriend



13 02/1996 66 Hypocrite



14 04/1996 100 Pressure Drop

The Specials



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Specials				



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More Specials				



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In The Studio				



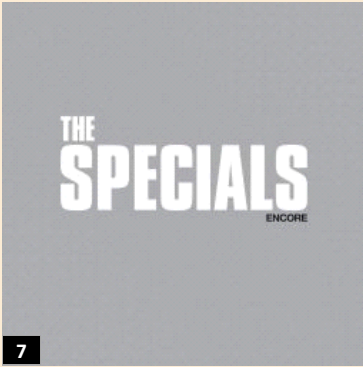
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Specials - The Original Specials - 2 CD Special Edition				



7	02/2019	20	1	1
Encore				



8	10/2021	47	2	
Protest Songs 1924-2012				



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**Bleib gesund!**

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10cc \* Aaliyah \* ABBA \* ABC \* Paula Abdul \* AC/DC \* Ace of Base \* Adam & The Ants / Adam Ant \* Bryan Adams \* Adele \* Aerosmith \* die ärzte \* Christina Aguilera \* a-ha \* Air Supply \* Peter Alexander \* Lily Allen \* Marc Almond \* Alphaville \* America \* Tori Amos \* Anastacia \* The Animals \* Animotion \* Paul Anka \* Joan Armatrading \* Arctic Monkeys \* Rick Astley \* Atomic Kitten \* Avicii \* Backstreet Boys \* Bad Company \* Badfinger \* Joan Baez \* Bananarama \* Bangles \* BAP \* Barclay James Harvest \* Bay City Rollers \* The Beach Boys \* The Beatles \* The Beautiful South \* Bee Gees \* Pat Benatar \* George Benson \* Big Country \* Cilla Black \* Black Eyed Peas \* Black Sabbath \* Mary J Blige \* Blondie \* Blue Mink \* Blümchen \* James Blunt \* Michael Bolton \* Bon Jovi \* Boney M. \* Boomtown Rats \* Boston \* David Bowie \* Boyzone \* Toni Braxton \* Brotherhood of Man \* Jackson Browne \* Bucks Fizz \* Kate Bush \* The Byrds \* Glen Campbell \* Captain & Tenille \* Mariah Carey \* Belinda Carlisle \* Howard Carpendale \* Carpenters \* The Cars \* Cascada \* David Cassidy \* Chubby Checker \* Cher \* Chicago \* Eric Clapton \* The Dave Clark Five \* Petula Clark \* Kelly Clarkson \* Joe Cocker \* Coldplay \* Phil Collins \* Commodores \* Sarah Connor \* Alice Cooper \* Costa Cordalis \* The Corrs \* Creedence Clearwater Revival \* The Crickets \* Jim Croce \* Crosby, Stills & Nash (& Young) \* Christopher Cross \* Sheryl Crow \* Crowded House \* Culture Club \* The Cure \* Bobby Darin \* Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich \* The Spencer Davis Group \* Dawn \* Chris De Burgh \* Deacon Blue \* Deep Purple \* Def Leppard \* John Denver \* Depeche Mode \* Destiny's Child \* Neil Diamond \* Dido \* Dion (& The Belmonts) \* Celine Dion \* Dire Straits \* Dr. Hook \* Dollar \* Donovan \* The Doobie Brothers \* The Doors \* Duran Duran \* Bob Dylan \* Eagles \* Earth, Wind & Fire \* Sheena Easton \* Katja Ebstein \* Electric Light Orchestra \* Emerson, Lake & Palmer \* Equals \* Erasure \* Erste Allgemeine Verunsicherung \* David Essex \* Eurythmics \* The Everly Brothers \* Example \* Falco \* Die Fantastischen Vier \* First Edition \* Fleetwood Mac \* Foo Fighters \* Foreigner \* (Frankie Valli &) The Four Seasons \* Samantha Fox \* Connie Francis \* Frankie Goes To Hollywood \* Freddy \* Four Tops \* Nelly Furtado \* Art Garfunkel \* Marvin Gaye \* Geier Sturzflug \* Genesis \* Gerry And The Pacemakers \* Andy Gibb \* Robin Gibb \* Debbie Gibson \* Rex Gildo \* Gitta \* Karel Gott \* Grand Funk Railroad \* Eddy Grant \* Green Day \* Herbert Grönemeyer \* Guess Who \* Guns N' Roses \* Daryl Hall & John Oates \* Hanne Haller \* George Harrison \* Don Henley \* Herman's Hermits \* The Hollies \* Buddy Holly \* Michael Holm \* Hot Chocolate \* Whitney Houston \* Human Leagues \* Engelbert Humperdinck \* Ich + Ich \* Billy Idol \* Imagine Dragons \* INXS \* Michael Jackson \* Jeanette \* Jefferson Airplane / Staship \* Jethro Tull \* Billy Joel \* Elton John \* Johnny & The Hurricanes \* Howard Jones \* Tom Jones \* Journey \* Udo Jürgens \* Roland Kaiser \* Katrina and the Waves \* KC & The Sunshine Band \* The Kelly Family \* Alicia Keys \* Nik Kershaw \* Carole King \* Kings of Leon \* The Kinks \* KISS \* Kool & The Gang \* Peter Kraus \* Lenny Kravitz \* Lady Gaga \* Cyndi Lauper \* Avril Lavigne \* Vicky Leandros \* Led Zeppelin \* John Lennon \* Annie Lennox \* Huey Lewis & The News \* Udo Lindenberg \* Jennifer Lopez \* The Lords \* The Lovin' Spoonful \* Lulu \* Amy Macdonald \* Madness \* Madonna \* Peter Maffay \* The Mamas & The Papas \* Manfred Mann \* Manfred Mann's Earth Band \* Manuela \* Bob Marley & The Wailers \* Marmalade \* Maroon 5 \* Richard Marx \* Paul McCartney \* Meat Loaf \* Freddie Mercury \* Metallica \* George Michael \* Mike & The Mechanics \* The Steve Miller Band \* (Wayne Fontana &) The Mindbenders \* Joni Mitchell \* Kylie Minogue \* Modern Talking \* The Monkees \* The Moody Blues \* Eddie Money \* Alanis Morissette \* Morrissey \* The Move \* Alison Moyet \* Mud \* Mumford & Sons \* Anne Murray \* Münchener Freiheit \* Muse \* Nena \* New Kids on the Block \* Olivia Newton-John \* Nickelback \* Stevie Nicks \* Nicole \* Nirvana \* No Angels \* 'N SYNC \* Billy Ocean \* The O'Jays \* OMD \* One Direction \* Roy Orbison \* The Osmonds \* Gilbert O'Sullivan \* Robert Palmer \* Alan Parsons Project \* Dolly Parton \* The Partridge Family \* Pet Shop Boys \* Peter, Paul & Mary \* Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers \* P!nk \* Pink Floyd \* Gene Pitney \* The Police \* Prince \* Die Prinzen \* Suzi Quatro \* Queen \* Stefan Raab \* Radiohead \* The Rattles \* Chris Rea \* Red Hot Chili Peppers \* Helen Reddy \* R.E.M. \* REO Speedwagon \* Cliff Richard \* Lionel Richie \* The Righteous Brothers \* Kenny Rogers \* The Rolling Stones \* Linda Ronstadt \* Mary Roos \* Marianne Rosenberg \* Rosenstolz \* Diana Ross \* Roxette \* Roxy Music \* The Rubettes \* Runrig \* Rush \* Sade \* SAGA \* Sandra \* Santana / Carlos Santana \* Savage Garden \* Leo Sayer \* Scooter \* Scorpions \* The Searchers \* Neil Sedaka \* The Seekers \* Bob Seger (& The Silver Bullet Band) \* The Shadows \* Shakin' Stevens \* Shakira \* Sandie Shaw \* Ed Sheeran \* Shocking Blue \* Showaddywaddy \* Sia \* Silbermond \* Carly Simon \* Paul Simon \* Simon & Garfunkel \* Simple Minds \* Simply Red \* Nancy Sinatra \* Slade \* Small Faces \* The Smiths \* Smokie \* Snap! \* Soft Cell \* Sonny & Cher \* Spandau Ballet \* Sparks \* Britney Spears \* Spice Girls \* Spice Ladies (Solo-Hits of the Spice Girl members) \* Dusty Springfield \* Rick Springfield \* Bruce Springsteen \* Squeeze \* Ringo Starr \* Status Quo \* Steely Dan \* Gwen Stefani \* Steppenwolf \* Cat Stevens \* Rod Stewart \* Sting \* The Stylistics \* Styx \* Sugababes \* Donna Summer \* Supertramp \* The Supremes \* Survivor \* Swedish House Mafia \* The Sweet \* T. Rex \* Take That \* Talk Talk \* Talking Heads \* James Taylor \* Tears for Fears \* The Temptations \* Texas \* Thin Lizzy \* Thompson Twins \* Three Dog Night \* Tiffany \* Toto \* Die Toten Hosen \* Train \* The Tremeloes \* The Troggs \* Tina Turner \* Shania Twain \* Bonnie Tyler \* U2 \* UB40 \* Ultravox \* Uriah Heep \* Caterina Valente \* Scott Walker \* The Walker Brothers \* Juliane Werding \* Westernhagen \* Westlife \* Wham! \* Barry White \* The Who \* Kim Wilde \* Robbie Williams \* Wilson Phillips \* Amy Winehouse \* Stevie Wonder \* "Weird Al" Yankovic \* The Yardbirds \* Yes \* Paul Young \* Frank Zander \* ZZ Top \*