Who Framed Roger Rabbit

If you love animation, you just have to have this CAV version of this great movie. Go, get it, now! Then, read further. Sides

1-4: The film, all CAV.

Video

This is an old mastering, but it still looks great, the only minor complaint being that colours are a bit unclean. However, it's possible that's how they looked in the theatre, too. There is no aliasing or other video artifacts, but there is some dirt on the film.

Audio

The audio is somewhat disappointing. I would have expected much larger amounts of bass because of the videotape I used to own.

Digital and analog tracks: the original Dolby Surround mix of the movie soundtrack.

Watch for

There are zillions of jokes hidden more or less visibly in the movie, and some controversial parts, which, according to a rumour, are removed from the later pressings of this movie. However, as this disc was bought new from Ken Cranes in November 1996, the following evidence will prove that nothing has been cut away in the current version.

(Addendum July 1998: The new Special Edition with audio commentary etc is cencored by Disney. See for the first item in the list below.)

Controversial parts

1:7370..7400: Baby Herman lifts a woman's skirt, pushes his middle finger between her legs and grins devilishly. This has been cencored from the film later. In my CAV pressing, you can see him holding up his middle finger, but the new disc has been altered so that it's not there. His arm is not even in the same location.

2:7810..7820: One of the ACME Squeaking Shoes kicks a police officer in the groin (the same one that is executed later)

3:32485: A sign written in a toilet wall: FOR A GOOD TIME CALL ALLYSON "WONDERLAND" / THE BEST IS YET TO BE.

4:2165..2166: As Jessica is falling from the Benny-car, her white knickers can

4:2170..2173: For four frames, it appears that you can see between Jessica's legs, her being without her knickers. However, if you watch more carefully, you can see that this is probably a painting error: just a few frames before (2165.2166) the knickers can be seen. Also, in the last of these frames, if you watch carefully, you can see that the corner of the knickers still visible is painted white. And, just in case you thought paint errors like this are rare, have a look at two very close coloring errors in frames 2280 (Jessica's right leg) and 2297 (Jessica's right arm).

Texts that might be hard to see

1:1350: The cartoon credits: R.K. MAROON PRESENTS / A MAROON CARTOON / IN COLOR / 7480 / MCMXLVII BY THE MAROON CORP. / ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

1:2574: A calendar says it's 1947.

1:3696: The oven: HOTTERNELL

1:5148: PICKLES

1:14124: CATTLE CALL

2:2832: Newspaper headline: VALIANT AND VALIANT CRACK NEPHEW KIDNAPPING / DONALD'S HUEY, LOUIE AND DEWEY, RETURNED / Family Celebration with Monster Party / All of Toonstown Join Celebrations

2:2967: Newspaper headline: GOOFY CLEARED OF SPY CHARGES / Evidence of Valiant and Valiant decisive

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2:2957: Newspaper headline: MAYOR MOUSE AWARDS / BR(ave? ....) TOONTOWN / (....)
2:2957: Newspaper legend: Valiant, Goofy and Valiant
2:3096: Photo legend: L.A.P.D. 1925 GRADUATING CLASS / NEW CLOWNS ON THE BEAT
2:3258: Poster legend: EDDIE & TEDDY ON THE ROAD WITH DAD / 1906
2:3402: Photo legend: TWO FLATFOOTS & A FLOOZY GO INTO BUSINESS 1938
2:15389: Newspaper headline: (...) in 10 Years Grips Status
2:15410: Newspaper headlines: TOON KILLS MAN / MARVIN ACME MURDERED AT THE HANDS
OF JEALOUS RABBIT / GAG KING LEAVES NO WILL / Snoop Valiant Fans Flames of
Jealousy
Other topic: STRAY POLICE BULLET INJURE SOUTH (...)
2:20105: Newspaper headline: VALIANT AND VALIANT / CRACK NEPHEW KIDNAPPING
3:30475: A sign on a truck: ACME OVERUSED GAGS.
3:30599: A shop sign in Toontown: JOKES. SUBWAY sign.
3:30602: Signs in Toontown: POLICE, MILK
3:31150: The house has 450 floors.
3:32388: SHOE TREE
3:34352: WILLIE THE GIANT is shown at the movies.
3:34877: An ad: PORKY'S / ALL BEEF SAUSAGE
4:482: A warning: FALLING ANTILS
4:13174: Barrel-organ songs: JOLSON MEDLEY / MERRY-GO-ROUND BROKE DOWN /
BROADWAY SELECTION / MICKEY'S MELODY
Different ACME products
1:4376: ACME Deadly Mouse Poison
1:4873: ACME Chili Sauce - EXTRA HOT
1:5401: ACME Toastamatic
1:5795: ACME Suck-O-Lux
1:7141: ACME Supa Cold
1:11989: ACME Musical Chairs
2:7810..7820: ACME Squeaking Shoes
4:14270: ACME Bird Seed
4:14306: ACME Pogo Sticks
4:14442: ACME Banana Skins
4:14541: ACME Marbles
4:18062: ACME Super Strong Magnets
4:18396: ACME Head Wigs
4:18773: ACME Portable Holes
4:19621: ACME Glue - EXTRA STICKY
4:21549: ACME Eyeballs
4:26543: ACME Dynamite - DANGER
4:26543: ACME Elephant Pills
4:28859: ACME Curve Balls
4:28859: ACME Noses
4:28859: ACME Trick Ink - KEEP UPRIGHT
Film posters
1:10618: HERMAN'S SHERMANS
1:10724: PISTOL PACKIN POSSUM
1:35140: THE WET NURSE
3:23902: THE LITTLE INJUN THAT COULD / with BABY HERMAN / and ROGER RABBIT /
MAROON CARTOON
Other
3:29620...29650: Eddie squashes a sheep.
3:30728...30800: Zeke Wolf hides behind a lamp pole and peeks from behind.
Animation error: Zeke disappears three frames before the shot ends.
3:31611..31615: A silhouette of the Road Runner.
3:31627...31631: A silhouette of the Wily E. Coyote.
4:26024: The train is called TOONZOOMER NO. 1, and everyone on it seems to be
fighting or dead.
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Get The Best of Roger Rabbit laserdisc. It has several offensive frames (offensive to someone at least), and after it was published in summer -96, Disney quickly recalled all discs because of "glue problems". The disc has not been repressed, and it's probably the most expensive 16 minute disc in the collector market. (In the short Trail Mix-Up there is a barely visible poster of Jessica Rabbit posed as a lewd pin-up with a saw between her legs for a company called "Rigid Tools").

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