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01 - High Wire 02 - That Did It 03 - Goose Grease 04 - Sunset Over Broadway 05 - Ain't No Business 06 - Flash Chordin' 07 - 25 Miles 08 - These Arms Of Mine 09 - Country Boogie 10 - The Blues Lover Musicians: Roy Buchanan - Guitar, Producer, Vocals Stan Szelest - Keyboards Larry Exum – Bass Morris Jennings – Drums Kanika Kress – Vocals Johnny Sayles – Vocals

Master guitarist Roy Buchanan elevates his already astronomical musical standard on his third Alligator release, HOT WIRES. With his searing tone, fluid runs, screeching harmonics, dynamics experiments, and grab bag of scratches, wails, and noodles, Buchanan's Fender often sounds less like a guitar than a channel for highly articulate alien intelligence. As usual, Roy has backed himself with some of the finest blues and rock studio musicians--including guitarist Donald Kinsey (of the Kinsey Report) and vocalists Johnny Sayles ("That Did It") and Kanika Kress (on Otis Redding's "These Arms of Mine").

Though the band provides thunderous, spot-on backing on conventional blues workouts ("Ain't No Business") and rave-up instrumentals ("Country Boogie") alike, the spotlight is on Buch throughout, particularly on his own compositions, the acid surf "High Wire" and the pummeling "Flash Chordin'." HOT WIRES is yet another testament to the skills of this dazzling, unfairly under-recognized musician. ---Rovi

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