

Album release dates: The mine field of rock

When did your favorite record hit the stores? Depends on where you look.

TL/DR: A bunch of records were moved due to inaccurate release data from many sources.

Determining when rock records were released to the public is time spent scratching your head and wondering how and why some of these dates are so screwy and yet most are taken as gospel. Finding the information consists of internet searches and printed discographies. Many times you'll find conflicting information, so we turn to a source that provides a weekly look at the record industry.

Billboard magazine, the bible of music, can be a good "general" source. They publish "New Record Release" lists (weekly, sometimes monthly) and short reviews, but don't specify dates. A few ads will give you a clue: *Rotary Connection Trip #1 begins Feb 1*, the ad said. What is accurate is the Album Chart debut date.

Unfortunately, some of the "gospel" release dates are the same as the chart debut date. Not even the Beatles in their glory days achieved that. Then there are those whose "official" release dates are *after* the chart debut. Finally there are those release dates, that when checked against a calendar, fall on a Saturday or Sunday. I've found that (generally) Capitol and Columbia releases were on Monday, WB/Rep on Wednesday/Friday. The final spanner in the works is differing US and UK release dates—most of which are not distinguished. Props to **45Worlds** and **Wiki**, who try to keep them separate.

I've been researching album release dates for years specifically for this website, as it is the backbone. I've got Excel charts for compiling release dates from a variety of sources, online and printed. Online sources like Wikipedia, 45World, and official websites can give differing information. What about published discographies, like Martin Strong? Even here dates can differ. Group or artist bios? Some don't even have a discography, or if they do, it's the standard "just the year" which is meaningless. Most top tier groups have been thoroughly researched. The Beach Boys, The Beatles, The Byrds, The Doors, Even The Mothers have all their release dates all nailed down. But the rest?

On this website there are over 1,250 albums referenced. When it was time for Version 2, I decided to recheck those pesky release dates (quite a few of them that I knew were suspect). Turn out about 1/3 needed revising. Most by just a month or two. And a few were off by more than that. Do I feel bad that some of these dates were wrong? Absolutely. Do I feel confident that these new dates are better? Yup. Are they now all correct? Probably not. I'm sure that in the future some of these dates will shift again. Dylan's *Blonde On Blonde* is a perfect example. For many years, it was "gospel" that the record came out in late May. Turns out that after further research, a date of June 28 was much more accurate. Some specific numbers for the website:

Total albums	~1273*	
Unchanged	814	64%
New	14	1%
Prev Unknown	51	4%
Updated	394	31%
off those updated:		
1-2 month off	314	72% (overall 25%)
3-4 months off	51	12% (overall 4%)
>5 months off	23	5% (overall 2%)
<i>About 1273? Yes, some still have unknown dates or are otherwise not counted</i>		

Where did the records go? The PDF **2020 Update--Moved** shows where.

By comparing the various published dates and using common sense about artist popularity at the time, I've made best guess corrections to quite a few other artist/groups. How about other big name groups? Their dates are well known, right?

OK, let's look at a few in detail:

Creedence Clearwater Revival

This chart is a compilation of published release dates for their first 7 albums (nobody counts *Mardi Gras!*). This is the mess you find yourself in when trying to nail down a date. You'll notice that quite a few were "released" on a Saturday or Sunday.

Source	First	Bayou Country	Green River	Willy & The Poor Boys	Cosmo's Factory	Pendulum
Wiki discography page	Fri, 7/5/68	Sun, 1/5/69	Wed, 8/6/69	Sun, 11/2/69	Sat, 7/25/70	Mon, 12/7/70
Wiki album page	Wed, 5/28/69	1/5/69	Sun, 8/3/69	11/2/69	Thu, 7/16/70	Wed, 12/9/70
Wiki "Year" In Music	7/5/68	1/5/69	8/6/69	11/2/69	7/25/70	12/7/70
45Worlds (US)	5/28/69	1/69	8/69	11/2/69	7/70	12/70
45Worlds (UK)	6/69	7/69	9/69	3/70	7/70	11/70
Official Website	7/68	2/69	9/69	12/69	7/70	12/70
Electric Bayou (fan site)	7/5/68	Fri, 1/24/69	Tue, 8/5/69	Tue, 11/4/69	7/25/70	12/7/70
Spirit Of Rock	7/5/68	1/69	8/3/69	11/69	7/70	Tue, 12/15/70
Both Sides Now	1968	1969	1969	1969	1970	1970
Roxon 1st no dates first two albums						
Roxon rev	6/68	1/69	8/69	11/69	7/70	12/70
Strong 5th (US)	7/68	2/69	9/69	12/69	7/70	12/70
Strong 5th (UK)	1/69	6/69	12/69	3/70	9/70	1/71
Billboard New Release List						
Billboard New Release List	6/22/68	1/18/69	8/30/69	12/13/69	7/25/70	
Billboard Album Review	6/22/68	2/69	9/69	1/70	7/25/70	1/71
Billboard Debut	7/20/68	2/8/69	9/13/69	12/13/69	7/25/70	12/26/70
Billboard Peak	12/7/68	6/7/69	10/4/69	1/18/70	8/22/70	1/30/71
SEASONS SELECTION						
reasons	6/68	1/69	8/69	11/69	7/70	12/70
	split difference	Month OK Day NOT	Month OK Day NOT	Month OK Day NOT	Month OK Day NOT	Month OK

<http://www.creedence-online.net>
<http://www.kolumbus.fi/profinium/ccr-jcf/index.htm>
<https://www.spirit-of-rock.com/en/encyclopedia>
<http://www.bsnpubs.com/discog.html>

Some chart ground rules:

Red dates are Saturday or Sunday
 Green dates are indicated UK release dates
 "Just Year" are centered
 "Days" are indicated for first instance only
 Seasons selection (and sometimes a reason) are in blue
 Below are the links for the artists on their official page or other sites.

Wikipedia Notes

Some artists/groups have a separate discography page listing chronological album info
 Album pages are full pages devoted to one album
 Wiki "Year" in music gives a list of album releases by month
 If Wiki does not distinguish betwixt US and UK, assume the country they're from.

Billboard Notes:

New Release Lists for awhile switched between weekly and monthly reports. If the date is just mon/yr, then it was from a monthly report.
 Showing *Billboard* debut and peak dates (not concerned with Peak # at this time)

Charts were generated in Excel, formatted in InDesign

Jimi Hendrix

Here's another mess. Reprise was slow in bringing the first album to market in the US. Going to the official Hendrix website was not a pleasant experience. The encyclopedia, showing important dates in Jimi's career, does NOT list a release date for either the US or UK first album. Pitiful.

Source	Are You Experienced	Axis, Bold As Love	Electric Ladyland	Smash Hits	Band of Gypsys	The Cry Of Love	Rainbow Bridge SDKT
Wiki discography page (US)*	Wed, 8/23/67	Mon, 1/15/68	Wed, 10/16/68	Wed, 7/30/69	Wed, 3/25/70	Fri, 3/5/71	10/71
Wiki discography page (UK)	Fri, 5/12/67	Fri, 12/1/67	Fri, 10/25/68	Fri, 4/12/68	Fri, 6/12/70	3/5/71	11/71
Wiki album page	5/12/67	12/1/67	10/16/68	4/12/68	3/25/70	3/5/71	10/71
Wiki Year In Music	5/12/67	12/1/67 (UK)	10/16/68	not listed	3/25/70	3/5/71	10/71
45Worlds (US)	8/67	1/68	10/68	7/69	3/70	2/71	10/71
45Worlds (UK)	5/67	12/67	11/68	4/68	6/12/70	1971	11/71
Official Hendrix Website**	not listed	Thu, 1/25/68	9/16/68	4/12/68	3/25/70		
Hendrix Record Guide (UK)	5/67	12/67	10/25/68	4/68	4/70	3/71	11/71
Hendrix Record Guide (US)	9/67	12/67	9/16/68	7/69	4/70	3/71	11/71
Spirit Of Rock	1967	12/67	Mon, 9/16/68	2010	6/70	1/71	1971
BSN Pubs	1967	1968	1968	1969	1970	1971	1971
Roxon 1st	9/67	3/68	8/68				
Roxon rev	9/67	3/68	9/68	7/69	4/70	1/71	9/71
Strong 5th (US)	8/67	2/68	10/68	7/69	4/70	3/71	10/71
Strong 5th (UK)	5/67	12/67	11/68	4/68	6/70	3/71	11/71
Strong Psych (US)	8/67	2/68	10/68	7/69	4/70	3/71	10/71
Strong Psych (UK)	5/67	12/67	11/68	4/68	6/70	3/71	11/71
Billboard New Release List	8/26/67	2/10/68	10/19/68	8/69	5/70	3/20/71	10/9/71
Billboard Album Review	8/26/67	2/3/68	10/12/68	7/26/69	5/2/70	3/6/71	10/16/71
Billboard Debut	8/26/67	2/10/68	10/19/68	8/2/69	5/2/70	3/6/71	10/9/71
Billboard Peak	10/5/68	3/9/68	11/16/68	9/6/69	5/16/70	3/27/71	11/20/71
SEASONS SELECTION	8/67	1/68	10/68	7/69	3/70	2/71	10/71
reasons	Date too close		Date too close			Date too close	

*separate columns for US and UK albums, separate for posthumous releases.

**using the Encyclodpedia section, only goes thru his death (does show both releases of *Smash Hits*, tho)

<https://www.jimihendrix.com>

<http://hendrix.guide.pagesperso-orange.fr/contents.htm>

The Rolling Stones

Again, too many reputed to have been released on a Saturday. Kept the month, dropped the date.

Source	Now!	Heads	December's	Big Hits V1	Aftermath	Got "Live"
Wiki discography (US)	Sat, 2/13/65	Fri, 7/30/65	Sat, 12/4/65	Mon, 3/28/66	Mon, 6/20/66	Sat, 12/3/66
Wiki discography (UK)	n/a	Fri, 9/24/65	n/a	Fri, 11/4/66	Fri, 4/15/66	n/a
Wiki album page (US)	2/13/65	7/30/65	12/4/65	3/28/66	Sat, 7/2/66	12/3/66
Wiki album page (UK)	n/a	9/24/65	n/a	11/4/66	4/15/66	n/a
Wiki "Year" In Music	2/13/65	9/24/66	12/4/65	3/28/66	4/15/66 (UK)	12/10/66
45World (US)	2/13/65	7/30/65	12/4/65	3/28/66	6/20/66	Fri, 12/10/65
45World (UK)	n/a	9/24/65	n/a	11/4/66	4/15/66	n/a
Official Stones	no online discography					
Time Is On Our Side (US)	2/13/65	7/30/65	12/4/65	4/2/66	7/2/66	12/10/66
Time Is On Our Side (UK)	n/a	9/24/65	n/a	11/4/66	4/15/66	n/a
Spirit Of Rock	2/13/65	7/30/65	12/4/65	3/28/66	4/15/66	11/6/66
Both Side Now	1965	1965	1965	3/28/66	1966	1966
Roxon 1st (US)	2/65	7/65	11/65	3/66	6/66	11/66
Roxon rev (US)	2/65	7/65	11/65	3/66	6/66	11/66
Strong 4th (US)	3/65	8/65	11/65	4/66	6/66	Dec-66
Strong 4th (UK)	n/a	9/65	n/a	11/66	4/66	n/a
Billboard New Release List	3/13/65	8/7/65	12/4/65		7/9/66	
Billboard Review	3/13/65	8/7/65	12/4/65	4/9/66	7/9/66	12/17/66
Billboard Debut	3/20/65	8/7/65	12/11/65	4/16/66	7/9/66	12/17/66
Billboard Peak	4/24/65	8/21/65	1/8/66	5/14/66	8/13/66	1/21/67
SEASONS SELECTION	2/65	7/65	12/65	3/66	6/66	12/66
reason	Month OK Date NOT	Month OK Date NOT	Month OK Date NOT	Month OK Date OK	Month OK Date NOT	Month OK Date NOT

Source	Buttons	Flowers	Satanic	Beggars	Big Hits V2	Bleed	Ya-Ya's	Sticky
Wiki discography (US)	Sat, 2/11/67	Mon, 6/26/67	Fri, 12/8/67	Fri, 12/6/68	Fri, 9/12/69	Fri, 12/5/69	Fri, 9/4/70	Fri, 4/23/71
Wiki discography (UK)	Fri, 1/20/67	n/a	12/8/67	12/6/68	9/12/69	12/5/69	9/4/70	4/23/71
Wiki album page (US)	2/11/67	6/26/67	12/8/67	Sat, 12/7/68	9/12/69	12/5/69	9/4/70	4/23/71
Wiki album page (UK)	1/20/67	n/a	12/8/67	12/6/68	9/12/69	12/5/69	9/4/70	4/23/71
Wiki "Year" In Music	1/20/67 (UK)	6/26/67	12/8/67	12/6/68	9/12/69	12/5/69	9/4/70	4/23/71
45World (US)	2/11/67	6/26/67	Sat, 12/9/67	12/7/68	Sat, 9/13/69	12/69	Sat, 9/26/70	Fri, 4/30/71
45World (UK)	1/20/67	n/a	12/8/67	12/6/68	9/12/69	12/5/69	9/4/70	4/23/71
Official Stones	no online discography							
Time Is On Our Side (US)	2/11/67	Sat, 7/15/67	12/9/67	12/7/68	9/13/69	11/29/69	9/26/70	4/30/71
Time Is On Our Side (UK)	1/20/67	n/a	12/8/67	12/6/68	9/12/69	12/5/69	9/4/70	4/23/71
Spirit Of Rock	1/20/67	7/15/67	12/9/67	12/6/68	9/12/69	94/69	9/4/70	4/23/71
Both Side Now	1967	1967	12/8/67	12/6/68	9/12/69	12/5/69	9/4/70	1971
Roxon 1st (US)	1/67	6/67	11/67	11/68	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Roxon rev (US)	1/67	6/67	11/67	11/68	8/69	11/69	9/70	4/71
Strong 4th (US)	2/67	6/67	12/67	12/68	9/69	12/69	10/70	4/71
Strong 4th (UK)	1/67	n/a	12/67	12/68	9/69	12/69	9/70	4/71
Billboard New Release List	1/28/67	7/15/67				12/69	11/70	5/15/71
Billboard Review	2/11/67		12/9/67	12/7/68	8/30/69	12/1/69	10/17/70	5/15/71
Billboard Debut	2/18/67	7/22/67	12/23/67	12/14/68	9/13/69	12/6/69	10/17/70	5/15/71
Billboard Peak	3/11/67	8/12/67	1/6/68	1/11/69	10/11/69	12/27/69	10/24/70	5/22/71
SEASONS SELECTION	2/67	6/67	12/67	12/68	9/69	11/69	9/70	4/71
reason	Month OK Date NOT	Month OK	Month OK Date NOT	Month OK Date NOT	Month OK Date NOT	Month & Date NOT	Month OK Date NOT	Month OK

<https://rollingstones.com> (only shows tour dates, news, and merch)

<http://www.timeisonourside.com>

<https://www.spirit-of-rock.com/en/encyclopedia>

<http://www.bsnpubs.com/discog.html>

Savoy Brown

An example of the differences in US versus UK release dates and how it can be so confusing when there is no distinction between release dates.

Source	First (UK Only)	Getting To The Point	Blue Matter	A Step Further	Raw Sienna	Looking In	Street Corner Talking
Wiki discography (US)							
Wiki discography (UK)*	1967	1968	1969	1969	1970	1970	1971
Wiki album page (US)							
Wiki album page (UK)*	9/67	7/68	5/69	8/69 and 9/69	4/70	10/70	9/71
Wiki "Year" In Music		7/68	3/69 and 4/69	9/69 and "date unknown"	not listed	10/70	9/71
45World (US)		9/68	4/69	8/69	4/70	10/70	9/71
45World (UK)	not listed	6/68	3/69	8/69	3/70	9/70	1971
Official website	1967	1968	1969	1969	1970	1970	1971
Spirit Of Rock	1967	1968	3/69	8/69	3/70	9/70	1971
Both Side Now		1968	1969	1969	1970	1970	1971
Roxon 1st		9/68	7/69	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Roxon rev		8/68	2/69	1/69	3/70	4/71	8/71
Strong 5th US	see 4th ed						
Billboard New Release List		9/7/68	2/69	9/69	5/70	11/70	9/18/71
Billboard Review		9/7/68	2/8/69	9/6/69	4/4/70	n/a	9/11/71
Billboard Debut			4/12/69	9/13/69	4/25/70	10/17/70	9/18/71
Billboard Peak			4/19/69	10/11/69	5/30/70	11/21/70	11/20/71
SEASONS SELECTION		8/68	3/69	8/69	4/70	10/70	9/71
reason		9/68 too close	4/68 too close				

Yes, the Wiki "1969 In Music" page shows both dates for *Blue Matter* and for the "1970 In Music," both a month and "date unknown" for *A Step Further*.

<https://www.savoybrown.com>

<https://www.spirit-of-rock.com/en/encyclopedia>

<http://www.bsnpubs.com/discog.html>

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

How about a third-tier band? Lotsa blanks! These are the toughest to figure out as accurate details about even a group can be hard to find.

Source	First	Ricochet	Rare Junk	Alive!	Uncle Charlie & His Dog Teddy
Wiki discography (US)	3/67	9/67	2/68	1969	9/70
Wiki discography (UK)					
Wiki album page (US)	2/67 or 3/67	6/67 or 7/67	6/68	1969	2/70
Wiki album page (UK)					
Wiki "Year" In Music	"Date unknown"	"Date unknown"	"Date unknown"	no listing	2/70
45World (US)	3/67	8/67	4/68	4/69	10/70
45World (UK)*		1967		1969	1970
Official website	vague dates				
Spirit Of Rock	no listing				
Both Side Now	1967	1967	1968	1969	1970
Roxon 1st	2/67	8/67	4/68	3/69	
Roxon rev	no group entry				
Strong 5th US	no group entry				
Strong 5th UK					
Billboard New Release List	3/11/67	8/12/67	4/20/68	5/69	11/70
Billboard Review	3/18/67		4/20/68	4/12/69	10/10/70
Billboard Debut	4/8/67	dnc	dnc	dnc	12/5/70
Billboard Peak	5/13/67				3/27/71
SEASONS SELECTION	3/67	8/67	4/68	4/69	10/70
reason					

*In the UK, they combined parts of the first and second albums to create *Pure Junk*
Two years later, they took parts of *Ricochet* and most of *Alive!* to create *Dead And Alive!*

<https://www.nittygritty.com/welcome>

<https://www.spirit-of-rock.com/en/encyclopedia>

<http://www.bsnpubs.com/discog.html>

Buffy Saint-Marie

Here's a fairly well-known native American folk singer. Easy to find out release dates you'd think.

Source	It's My Way!	Many A Mile	Little Wheel Spin And Spin	Fire & Fleet & Candlelight	I'm Gonna Be A Country Girl Again	Illuminations	She Used To Wanna Be A Ballerina
Wiki discography page	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1971
Wiki album page	4/64	1965	1966	7/67	7/68	1969	3/71
Wiki "Year" In Music	not listed	not listed	"Date Unknown"	not listed	not listed	not listed	not listed
45Worlds (US)	4/64	2/65	4/66	7/67	7/68	8/69	3/71
45Worlds (UK)	1964	1965	1966	1971	1972	1971	1971
Official Website	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1971
Spirit Of Rock	not listed	not listed	not listed	not listed	not listed	not listed	not listed
BSN Pubs	1964	1965	1966 (as FF&C)	1967	no date	1969	1971
Wirz' American Music	not listed	not listed	not listed	not listed	not listed	not listed	not listed
Roxon 1st	3/64	2/65	4/66	6/67	4/68		
Roxon rev	not listed						
Strong 5th (US)	1964	1965	3/66	7/67	7/68	12/69	9/71
Strong 5th (UK)							
Strong Folk (US)	1964	1965	4/66	6/67	7/68	12/69	3/71
Strong Folk (UK)							9/71
Billboard New Release List	4/11/64	3/6/65		6/17/67	7/27/68	9/69	3/27/71
Billboard Album Review	4/18/64	3/13/65	4/16/66	6/17/67	7/27/68	8/30/69	3/20/71
Billboard Debut	dnc	dnc	dnc	7/8/67	8/3/68	dnc	4/10/71
Billboard Peak				8/5/67	9/7/69		5/15/71
SEASONS SELECTION	3/64	2/65	4/66	6/67	7/68	8/69	3/71
reasons							

<http://www.creative-native.com/>

<https://www.spirit-of-rock.com/en/encyclopedia>

<http://www.bsnpubs.com/discog.html>

Grateful Dead

Don't go puttin' your nose in the air. Your release dates aren't that good either. (*Skull & Roses*) being "officially" released a week *after* it debuts on the Billboard chart? *Workingman's* and *American Beauty* released on a Sunday?

Source	First	Anthem Of The Sun	Aoxomoxoa	Live/Dead	Workingman's Dead	Vintage Dead	American Beauty	Historic Dead	(Skull & Roses)
Wiki discography page	Fri, 3/17/67	Thu, 7/18/68	Fri, 6/20/69	Mon, 11/10/69	Sun, 6/14/70	not listed	Sun, 11/1/70	not listed	Sun, 10/24/71
Wiki album page	3/17/67	7/18/68	6/20/69	11/10/69	6/14/70	10/70	11/1/70	6/71	10/24/71
Wiki "Year" In Music	3/17/67	7/18/68	6/20/69	11/10/69	6/14/70	10/70	11/1/70	6/71	10/24/71
45Worlds (US)	3/17/67	7/18/68	6/20/69	11/10/69	6/14/70	10/70	11/70	6/71	10/24/71
45Worlds (UK)	12/67	11/68	10/69	2/70	9/70	1970	1/71	not listed	not listed
Official Website*	Tue, 3/14/67	Tue, 7/16/68	Sat, 6/14/69	Sat, 11/8/69	Thu, 5/14/70	1969	11/71	Mon, 5/31/71	Thu, 9/23/71
Spirit Of Rock	3/17/67	7/18/68	6/20/69	11/10/69	6/14/70	not listed	11/1/70	not listed	10/71
BSN Pubs	1967	1968	1969	1970	1970	1970	1970	1971	1971
Dead Disc	3/67	7/68	6/69	11/69	6/70	1970	11/70	1971	9/71
Compleat Grateful Dead Discography	3/17/67	7/18/68	6/20/69	11/10/69	6/14/70	10/70	11/70	6/71	Fri, 9/24/71
Roxon 1st	3/67	8/68							
Roxon rev	3/67	8/68	6/69	1/70	7/70	not listed	11/70	not listed	9/71
Strong 5th (US)	2/67	8/68	6/69	12/69	6/70	10/70	12/70	6/71	10/71
Strong 5th (UK)	12/67	11/68	10/69	2/70	9/70	4/72	12/70	4/72	10/71
Strong Psych (US)	2/67	8/68	6/69	12/69	6/70	10/70	12/70	6/71	10/71
Strong Psych (UK)	12/67	11/68	10/69	2/70	9/70	4/72	12/70	4/72	10/71
Billboard New Release List	4/22/67	8/31/68	6/69	1/70	7/70	11/70	12/70	6/12/71	10/9/71
Billboard Album Review	4/22/67	8/24/68	6/7/69	12/20/69	6/20/70	10/24/70		6/5/71	10/16/71
Billboard Debut	5/6/67	8/31/68	6/21/69	1/3/70	6/27/70	10/31/70	12/12/70	6/26/71	10/16/71
Billboard Peak	7/29/67	10/26/68	7/26/69	2/21/70	7/18/70	12//70	1/30/71	7/31/71	11/13/71
SEASONS SELECTION	3/67	7/68	6/69	11/69	6/70	10/70	11/70	6/71	9/71
reasons					Month OK Date NOT		Month OK Date NOT		Month OK Date > Debut

*from album covers section, discography "coming soon"

<https://www.dead.net/tags/album-cover>

<http://www.deaddisc.com/index.html>

<http://tcgdd.freeyellow.com/tcgdd.txt>

Some specific examples:

Neil Young: *After The Gold Rush*

Release published as 9/19/70, which is the date the album debuted on the *Billboard* chart. I'm thinking that it was a typo and should be 9/9, bringing it closer to actual (9/9 is a Wednesday), the usual WB/Rep release day and it's now 2 weeks from the chart debut. Also, most of the other WB/Rep specific dates are OK.

Buffalo Springfield: *Again*

Release date same as chart debut. And there are others.

Blind Faith

Five days after release date.

Online References

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

45 Worlds: <http://www.45worlds.com>

others as noted

NOTE: you can access artist/group off-site pages from their individual web page.

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Billboard Magazine, New York. All issues from 1965-1971.

Conclusions

Nobody likes to be wrong. Especially when your whole website is built around album release dates. I've tried my best to utilize the most accurate information available for these dates. You can see the problems I've encountered over the years. I'd like to know the exact date every record was made available to the public, but for now, I'd just settle for an accurate month.