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## AUGUST BURNS RED's *Leveler* charges to #11 on the Billboard 200

Highest first-week sales and chart debut of band's career

#1 on Billboard Hard Rock chart

Currently touring US as a mainstage act on 2011 Warped Tour

June 29, 2011 - *Leveler*, the highly praised fourth album from genre giants **AUGUST BURNS RED** debuted at an impressive #11 on the Billboard 200, with total first-week sales of 28,535.

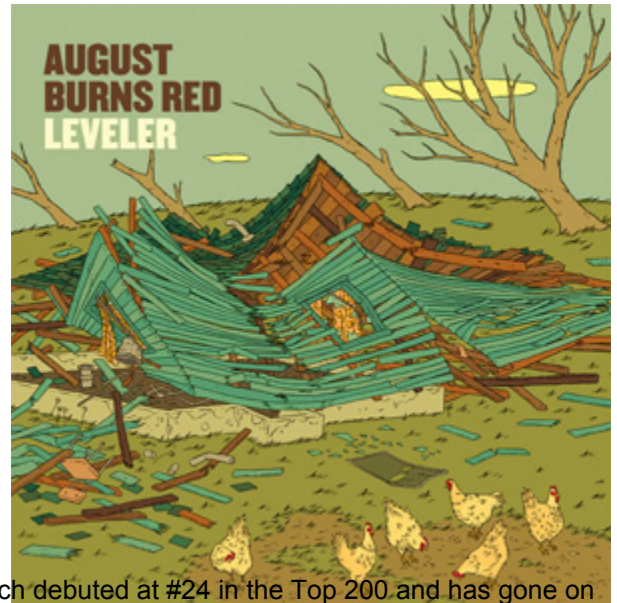
The anticipated album also landed at #1 on Billboard's Hard Rock chart and was the sixth best selling album overall among the week's new releases. Further, the ferocious album hit the #1 position on the iTunes Rock Charts.

*Leveler's* commercial success matches the critical praise that the album has garnered from the likes of Alternative Press, Revolver, Rock Sound and more, in addition to high marks from dozens of other outlets (see select praise below). Vocalist Jake Luhrs can be seen on the cover of the upcoming issue of Alternative Press.

In a time when album sales across the board are declining, *Leveler's* first week sales represent an industry defying 40% growth over the first week sales of the band's 2009 breakout album, *Constellations*, which debuted at #24 in the Top 200 and has gone on to sell more than 95,000 copies.

For **AUGUST BURNS RED**, *Leveler* represents an enormous step forward in a career defined by steady growth. The band is currently on the road as a mainstage act in this summer's Van's Warped Tour, which will deliver them to nearly every major market in North America to bring *Leveler's* sonic spectacle directly to fans.

On *Leveler*, **AUGUST BURNS RED** re-teamed with super producer Jason Suecof. The result is an album that pushes the band's sonic boundaries in every direction, yet emerges as an unquestionably heavier album than its predecessor. It's a game-changer, for **ABR**, and for fans of hard rock everywhere.



**Select praise for 'Leveler':**

"From start to finish, *Leveler* is exhilarating... the quintet's strongest work to date. (4/5)" **-ALTERNATIVE PRESS**

"AUGUST BURNS RED have crafted a signature brand of metalcore that challenges the genre's status quo ... [They've] set their own bar even higher on *Leveler*, and have done so for all the scene in the process." **-REVOLVER**

"By far the greatest album AUGUST BURNS RED have ever produced" **-EXCLAIM!**

"A wonderfully dynamic album" **-ALL MUSIC GUIDE**

"Leagues above much of this genre" **-ROCK SOUND**

"*Leveler* has the potential to be another breakout record for the group, with a maturing sound and greater experimentation. Hopefully, this new album will help turn even more skeptics into headbanging converts" **-METAL INSIDER**



"The Pennsylvania quintet is more than just meathead metalcore, which they showcase demonstratively throughout *Leveler*... AUGUST BURNS RED continuously aims for the jugular throughout *Leveler*, leaving you much like the destroyed habitat depicted on the cover." **-ABSOLUTE PUNK**

"AUGUST BURNS RED has done what I thought could not be accomplished. They have topped Constellations. This album is amazing on each and every imaginable level... All puns aside, this may be your album of the year. It maintains heaviness without sacrificing beauty. (5/5)" **-THE NEW REVIEW**

"This band has well earned their position as one of metalcore's top bands... one of the best releases of the year (9/10)" **-INDIE VISION MUSIC**

"*Leveler* is a masterpiece of modern metalcore... a truly ambitious album of unparalleled diversity and precision (9/10)" **-SCENE POINT BLANK**

"*Leveler* finds AUGUST BURNS RED at the top of their game, succeeding from start to finish at creating what is arguably their strongest, and at times most ambitious, record to date. (4.5/5)" **-REVIEW RINSE REPEAT**

"[*Leveler*] is exactly what our music scene needs... With the combined skill of these five guys the sky doesn't even seem to be the limit" **-HOPECORE**

"[AUGUST BURNS RED] break new sound ground as they diligently push themselves further and progress faster than the rest of the metalcore pack... There is not a shred of doubt that these guys are quickly and accurately perfecting their trade. (4/5)" **-METAL RIOT**

"*Leveler* is undoubtedly an AUGUST BURNS RED album, but simultaneously manages to add new elements to the bands repertoire while allowing the band to enthusiastically and proudly prove to the Metal/Hardcore community that they are, quite simply, unstoppable." **-THE RECORD REBELLION**

"AUGUST BURNS RED has aged yet not mellowed, writing their most intriguing and technically accomplished album to date. By choosing to incorporate their diverse musical tastes, they've spawned an end product that retains the traditional ABR elements while making full use of their maturity as songwriters... a truly spectacular record (4.5/5)" **-MIND EQUALS BLOWN**

"Balancing inventive skill and lacerating fretboard work can push a group into a pitfall of repetition... Each second of *Leveler*, on the other hand, goes straight for your neck (4/5)" -**BLARE**

"[AUGUST BURNS RED] have pushed the envelope and created another soon to be epic release (4/5)" -**BAREBONES MUSIC NETWORK**

"AUGUST BURNS RED has been able to conquer with every release (3.5/4)" -**DECOY MUSIC**

"For years AUGUST BURNS RED have been pushing the boundaries of metalcore in a way that hasn't been seen since As I Lay Dying first showed up on the scene... AUGUST BURNS RED still continues to be at the top of their game" -**UNDER THE GUN REVIEW**

"Over the past eight years, AUGUST BURNS RED have continued to stride along their own path. Their latest endeavor, *Leveler*, shows the quintet once again breaking down barriers and creating songs full of character and vigor." -**ROCK EDITION**

"AUGUST BURNS RED had a mission to create their most diverse record to date... To say that *Leveler* is just another typical AUGUST BURNS RED release would be just plain naive. (4/5)" -**THE PUNK SITE**

### **Remaining Dates on Van's Warped Tour**

Jun 26 - San Antonio TX @ AT&T Center  
Jun 29 - Las Cruces NM @ NMSU Practice Field  
Jun 30 - Las Vegas NM @ Plaza Hotel - Parking Lot  
Jul 1 - Pomona CA @ Pomona Fairplex  
Jul 2 - Mountain View CA @ Shoreline Amphitheater  
Jul 3 - Ventura CA @ Ventura County Fairground at Seaside Park  
Jul 6 - Bonner Springs KS @ Sandstone Amphitheater  
Jul 7 - Noblesville IN @ Verizon Wireless Music Center  
Jul 8 - Detroit MI @ Comerica Park  
Jul 9 - Tinley Park, IL @ First Midwest Bank Amphitheater  
Jul 10 - Shakopee MN @ Canterbury Park  
Jul 12 - Darien Center NY @ Darien Lakes Fields  
Jul 13 - Mansfield MA @ Comcast Center  
Jul 14 - Scranton PA @ Toyota Pavillion at Montage Mountain  
Jul 15 - Mississauga ON @ The Flats at Arrow Hall  
Jul 16 - Montreal QC @ Parc Jean-Drapeau  
Jul 17 - Hartford CT @ Comcast Theater  
Jul 19 - Milwaukee WI @ Marcus Amphitheater  
Jul 20 - Cleveland OH @ Blossom Music Center  
Jul 21 - Camden NJ @ Susquehanna Bank Center  
Jul 22 - Burgettstown PA @ First Niagara Pavillion  
Jul 23 - Uniondale NY @ Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum  
Jul 24 - Oceanport NJ @ Monmouth Park Raceway  
Jul 26 - Columbia MD @ Merriweather Post Pavilion  
Jul 27 - Virginia Beach VA @ Verizon Wireless Amphitheater  
Jul 28 - Charlotte NC @ Verizon Wireless Amphitheater  
Jul 29 - Orlando FL @ Central Florida Fairgrounds  
Jul 30 - West Palm Beach FL @ Cruzan Amphitheater  
Jul 31 - St. Petersburg FL @ Vinoy Park  
Aug 1 - Atlanta GA @ Aaron's Amphitheater at Lakewood  
Aug 2 - Cincinnati OH @ Riverbend Music Center  
Aug 3 - St Louis MO @ Verizon Wireless Amphitheater  
Aug 4 - Council Bluffs IA @ Westfair Fairgrounds  
Aug 5 - Denver CO @ Invesco Field at Mile High  
Aug 6 - Salt Lake City UT @ Utah State Fairpark

Aug 7 - Phoenix AZ @ Ashley Furniture Homestore Pavilion  
Aug 9 - San Diego CA @ Cricket Amphitheater  
Aug 10 - Carson CA @ Cal State Dominguez Hills  
Aug 11 - Marysville CA @ Sleep Train Amphitheater  
Aug 12 - Nampa ID @ Idaho Center Amphitheater  
Aug 13 - George WA @ The Gorge Amphitheater  
Aug 14 - Hillsboro OR @ Washington County Fairgrounds

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