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CD 1 1. 10538 Overture 2. Showdown 3. Ma-Ma-Ma Belle 4. Mr. Radio 5. Roll Over  
Beethoven 6. Mama New Edit] 7. One Summer Dream 8. Illusions In G Major [play](#)  
9. Strange Magic 10. Eldorado Overture 11. Can't Get It Out Of My Head 12. Eldorado 13.  
Eldorado – Finale 14. Do Ya Unedited Alternative Mix] 15. Mister Kingdom 16. Grieg's Piano  
Concerto In A Minor

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### CD 2

1. Tighrope 2. Evil Woman 3. Livin' Thing 4. Mr. Blue Sky 5. Mission (A World Record)  
Alternative Mix] 6. Turn To Stone 7. Telephone Line 8. Rockaria! [play](#) 9. Starlight 10.  
It's Over 11. The Whale 12. Sweet Talkin' Woman 13. Big Wheels 14. Shangri – La 15.  
Nightrider 16. Tears In Your Life

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### CD 3

1. *Don't Bring Me Down* 2. *Diary Of Horace Wimp* 3. *Twilight* 4. *Secret Messages* 5. *Take Me On And On* 6. *Shine A Little Love* 7. *Rock And Roll Is King* 8. *Last Train To London* 9. *Confusion* 10. *Getting To The Point* 11. *Hold On Tight* 12. *So Serious* 13. *Calling America* 14. *Four Little Diamonds* 15. *Great Balls Of Fire Live*] 16. *Xanadu New Version*] 17. *Indian Queen Demo*] 18. *Love Changes All* 19. *After All* [play](#) 20. *Helpless* 21. *Who's That*

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Personnel: Jeff Lynne - Vocals, Guitars Roy Wood - Vocals, Guitars, Cello, Bass, Wind Instruments Bev Bevan - Drums, Percussion Richard Tandy- Keyboards, Guitar Kelly Groucutt - Bass, Vocals Michael d'Albuquerque - Bass Steve Woolam - Violin Mik Kaminski - Violin Wilfred Gibson - Violin Mike Edwards - Cello Melvyn Gale - Cello Hugh McDowell - Cello Colin Walker - Cello Marc Bolan - Guitar on "Ma-Ma-Ma Belle" Bill Hunt - French Horn

Flashback is a box set compilation by Electric Light Orchestra. In 2000, Jeff Lynne found a new impetus to work on the music of his old band and returned to the recording studio to work on an ELO project for the first time in some 15 years just prior to the comeback Zoom in 2001 resulting in a digitally remastered compilation released in late 2000. Unlike its predecessors, this project was personally approved and endorsed by Lynne. The set includes songs featured from all 11 studio albums up to that point, including an edit of "Great Balls of Fire" from their live album *The Night the Light Went on* (in Long Beach), plus some new recordings amongst the bands extensive back catalog, most notably a reworking of Lynne's only UK number one hit "Xanadu". The album includes liner notes on each song from Lynne and a booklet inside.

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The very fact that Electric Light Orchestra released a second three-disc box set is a tacit admission that, yes, 1987's *Afterglow* wasn't everything it should be. Happily, 2000's *Flashback* is. Assembled with the cooperation of Jeff Lynne, *Flashback* covers all the bases, featuring all the hits, a good selection of album tracks, and seven previously unreleased tracks, two alternate mixes and "After All," previously unavailable on CD. The sequencing is roughly chronological, with each of the three discs spotlighting a different era, then sequenced for maximum listenability within that -- so "10538 Overture" segues to "Showdown" and "Ma-Ma-Ma Belle" then doubles back to the first album. It's a gambit that works, since *Flashback* winds up flowing as gracefully as ELO's best albums. And, make no mistake, this is one of their best albums, a rare box set that satisfies the needs of both casual and mildly dedicated fans, while offering the hardcore not just a bunch of rarities but an enjoyable album with its own character. So, it trumps *Afterglow* in every possible way, then, and thereby eliminates the need for yet another three-disc ELO box. --- Stephen Thomas Erlewine, All Music Guide