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## **Backstreet Boys Has Been Certified Platinum**

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The forth album released by Backstreet Boys, "Never Gone, Boys" had been certified Platinum by the R.I.A.A. The album was released June 14, 2005 and debuted on Billboard album chart at #3\* in the U.S. Worldwide. "Never Gone" topped the album charts with #1's in Japan (on the international chart), Germany, India, Chile, and Korea with Top 5 album debuts in Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. It has gone Platinum in Canada, 2 times Platinum Japan, Gold in UK, Germany, Italy, Taiwan, Mexico, and Switzerland. To date Never Gone has sold nearly 3 million copies worldwide. Additionally, "Incomplete," the first single off of Never Gone has been certified a Digital Platinum Single by the R.I.A.A. A Digital Platinum Single signifies 200,000 downloads. The Backstreet Boys recently shot a video for their second single "Just Want You To Know." The vide treatment was written by Backstreet member Kevin Richardson during a flight back from Japan. Video director Marc Klasfeld was enlisted to direct the tribute to 80's hair-rock bands. Currently it is in XL rotation on VH-1, and can be seen on Music Choice and MTV HITS. The song "Just Want You To Know" was written and produced by longtime Backstreet Boys hitmaker Max Martin and Lukasz Gottwald. This week "Just Want You To Know" is #23\* on the Top 40 Monitor. It is top 5 phones at Z100 in NY and KIIS in Los Angeles, and has been added to Top 40 stations in Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington DC, Houston and Miami.