The whole set of reunions – also including the five-label set Heaven Earth and Greatest Hits, both from 1988 – has a heartbreaking, passing energy for fans.‘We get to remind, over and over, that this was a trial run for the last performance before the inescapable and incendiary music can stand to be released. It’s easy to forget these days with tales of past radicalism so far removed from the era. Indeed, it’s shockingly refreshing now how much more dangerous the music seems. It’s not the kind of subject matter that sits comfortably in song, but then, neither was anything else taken up by the band known as Throbbing Gristle. Formed as a sort of tense standoff between art and music in England in the 1970s, Throbbing Gristle were as notorious as a band could be. They aspired toward extremes of an art and music in England in the 1970s, Throbbing Gristle were as notorious as a band could be. They aspired toward extremes of an art and music in England in the 1970s, Throbbing Gristle were as notorious as a band could be. They aspired toward extremes of an art and music in England in the 1970s, Throbbing Gristle were as notorious as a band could be. They aspired toward extremes of an