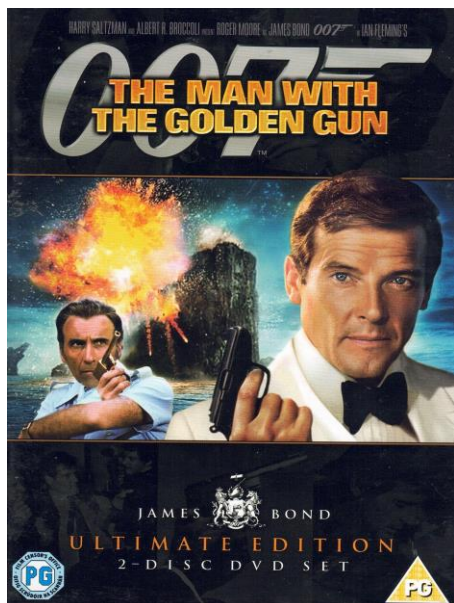


## 10 -Title: The Man with the Golden Gun (1974)



*The Man with the Golden Gun*



Theatrical release poster by Robert McGinnis

Directed by	Guy Hamilton
Screenplay by	Richard Maibaum Tom Mankiewicz
Based on	<i>The Man with the Golden Gun</i> by Ian Fleming
Produced by	Harry Saltzman Albert R. Broccoli
Starring	Roger Moore Christopher Lee Britt Ekland
Cinematography	Ted Moore Oswald Morris
Edited by	Raymond Poulton John Shirley
Music by	John Barry
Production company	Eon Productions
Distributed by	United Artists
Release dates	19 December 1974 (London, premiere) 20 December 1974 (United Kingdom and United States)
Running time	125 minutes
Countries	United Kingdom <sup>[1]</sup> United States <sup>[2]</sup>
Language	English
Budget	\$7 million
Box office	\$97.6 million

Released: 20<sup>th</sup> December 1974 UK  
19<sup>th</sup> December 1974 US

Duration: 2h 5m

Dolby Atmos

Rated: A

Action, Adventure, Thriller

### Information

Sound mix: Mono Dolby Surround 7.1

Aspect Ratio: 1.85:1 1.66:1

Languages: English, Thai, Cantonese

Filming locations: James Bond Island, Phang Nga Bay, Thailand  
(Scaramanga beach house)

## 10 - Storyline

An American gangster, Rodney, visits famed crack shot hitman Francisco Scaramanga to kill him and collect a bounty, but he is directed into a funhouse section of the estate, where Scaramanga eventually retrieves his golden gun and kills him.

In London, a golden bullet etched with '007' is received by MI6; it is believed to have been sent by Scaramanga, but because no one knows of his appearance outside of having a third nipple, M relieves Bond of his current mission involving the location of a solar energy scientist named Gibson.

At a hint from Money Penny, Bond sets out unofficially to locate Scaramanga, first by retrieving a spent golden bullet from a belly dancer in Beirut. He traces the bullet to a gun maker in Macau, and forces him to reveal how he ships the bullets. Bond follows the shipment carried to Hong Kong by Andrea Anders, Scaramanga's mistress. In her Peninsula Hotel room, he coerces her to expose information about Scaramanga, his appearance and his plans. She directs Bond to the Bottoms Up Club where Scaramanga snipes Gibson when he steps outside, and Scaramanga's midget assistant Nick Nack steals a small device called the Solex Agitator off his body. Bond, who had pulled out his pistol outside the club, is arrested by Hong Kong police lieutenant Hip. But instead of going to the station, he is transported to the wreck of RMS Queen Elizabeth in the harbour where he meets M and Q, and is assigned to work with Hip to retrieve the Solex.

Bond travels to Bangkok to meet Hai Fat, a wealthy Thai entrepreneur suspected of arranging Gibson's murder. Posing as Scaramanga by showing off his fake third nipple, Bond is invited to dinner, but his plan backfires because unbeknownst to him, Scaramanga himself is operating at Fat's estate. Bond is captured and taken to Fat's martial arts academy, where the students duel to the death and then are instructed to kill him. Bond battles high grade scholar Chula. Escaping with the aid of Hip and his nieces,

Bond speeds away on a motorised sampan along the river, and reunites with his assistant, Mary Goodnight. Scaramanga subsequently kills Fat with his golden gun and assumes control of his empire and the Solex.

Anders reveals to Bond that she sent the bullet to London. She wants him to kill Scaramanga, and promises to give him the Solex as they spent the night together. At a Muay Thai boxing event the next day, Bond finds Anders sitting and staring silently, dead from a bullet to the heart. Scaramanga arrives and introduces himself to Bond, but Bond is able to smuggle the Solex to Hip, who passes it to Goodnight. When Goodnight follows Nick Nack to place a homing device on Scaramanga's car, Scaramanga traps her in the car's boot. Bond discovers Scaramanga driving off and steals an AMC Hornet from a showroom to give chase, coincidentally with the holidaying J.W. Pepper (the Louisianan sheriff Bond encountered in *Live and Let Die*) sitting inside. The chase concludes when Scaramanga's AMC Matador hides in a building and then transforms into a plane that flies off.

Tracking Goodnight's homing beacon, Bond takes a RC-3 Seabee seaplane and flies to Scaramanga's island in the Red Chinese waters. Scaramanga welcomes and shows Bond the solar power plant facility that he has obtained from Hai Fat, the technology for which he intends to sell to the highest bidder. While demonstrating the equipment, Scaramanga uses the solar-powered energy beam to destroy Bond's seaplane, preventing him from escaping.

During lunch, Scaramanga proposes a pistol duel with Bond on the beach. With Nick Nack officiating, the two men take twenty paces, but when Bond turns and fires, Scaramanga has vanished. Nick Nack leads Bond into Scaramanga's manor and funhouse section. Bond eventually outwits and kills Scaramanga by posing as his mannequin. Goodnight kills Scaramanga's security chief Kra, but the latter's fall into a liquid helium vat causes the plant's temperature to spiral out of control. Bond retrieves the Solex unit just before the plant is destroyed, and they escape unharmed in Scaramanga's Chinese junk. After Bond fends off a final attack by Nick Nack, he romances Goodnight.

## Cast

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Roger Moore - James Bond

Christopher Lee - Scaramanga

Britt Ekland - Goodnight

Maud Adams - Andrea Anders

Hervé Villechaize - Nick Nack (as Herve Villechaize)

Clifton James - J.W. Pepper

Richard Loo - Hai Fat

Soon-Tek Oh – Hip (as Soon-Taik Oh)

Marc Lawrence - Rodney

Bernard Lee - 'M'

Lois Maxwell - Moneypenny

Marne Maitland - Lazar

Desmond Llewelyn - 'Q'

James Cossins - Colthorpe

Yao Lin Chen – Chula (as Chan Yiu Lam)

Carmen Du Sautoy – Saida (as Carmen Sautoy)

Gerald James - Frazier

Michael Osborne - Naval Lieutenant

Roger Moore as James Bond – 007, an MI6 agent who receives a golden bullet, supposedly from Scaramanga, indicating that he is a target of Scaramanga.

Christopher Lee as Francisco Scaramanga, an assassin who is identified by his use of a golden gun; he also has a 'superfluous papilla', or supernumerary nipple. Scaramanga plans to misuse solar energy for destructive purposes. Lee was Ian Fleming's step-cousin and regular golf partner. Scaramanga has been called "the best-characterised Bond villain yet."

Britt Ekland as Mary Goodnight, Bond's assistant. Described by the critic of the *Sunday Mirror* as being "an astoundingly stupid blonde British agent". Ekland had previously been married to Peter Sellers, who appeared in the 1967 Bond film *Casino Royale*.

Maud Adams as Andrea Anders, Scaramanga's mistress. Adams described the role as "a woman without a lot of choices: she's under the influence of this very rich, strong man, and is fearing for her life most of

the time; and when she actually rebels against him and defects is a major step." The Man with the Golden Gun was the first of two Bond films in which Maud Adams appeared; she played a different character, Octopussy, in the 1983 film of the same name: rumours that she also had a cameo as an extra in Roger Moore's last Bond film, A View to a Kill, are untrue.

Hervé Villechaize as Nick Nack, Scaramanga's little person manservant and accomplice. Villechaize was later known to television audiences as Tattoo in the series Fantasy Island.

Clifton James as Sheriff J.W. Pepper, a Louisiana sheriff who happens to be on holiday in Thailand. Hamilton liked Pepper in the previous film, Live and Let Die, and asked Mankiewicz to write him into The Man with the Golden Gun as well.

Richard Loo as Hai Fat, a Thai millionaire industrialist who was employing Scaramanga to assassinate the inventor of the "Solex agitator" (a revolutionary solar energy device) and steal the device. He himself is later killed by Scaramanga.

Soon-Taik Oh as Lieutenant Hip, Bond's local contact in Hong Kong and Bangkok. Soon-Taik Oh trained in martial arts for the role, and his voice was partially dubbed over.

Marc Lawrence as Rodney, an American gangster who attempts to outshoot Scaramanga in his funhouse, and loses, being shot in the head by Scaramanga. Lawrence also appeared in Diamonds Are Forever.

Lois Maxwell as Miss Moneypenny, M's secretary.

Marne Maitland as Lazar, a Portuguese gunsmith based in Macau who manufactures golden bullets for Scaramanga.

Desmond Llewelyn as Q, the head of MI6's technical department.

James Cossins as Colthorpe, an MI6 armaments expert who identifies the maker of Scaramanga's golden bullets. The first draft of the script originally called the role Boothroyd until it was realised that was also Q's name and it was subsequently changed.

Chan Yiu Lam as Chula, the black-belt student at Hai Fat's dojo

Bernard Lee as "M", the head of MI6.

Sonny Caldinez portrayed Kra, Scaramanga's security chief. Francoise Therry portrayed Chew Mee, Hai Fat's mistress, whom Bond memorably finds swimming nude in a swimming pool. She is voiced by Nikki van der Zyl, who has voiced a number of Bond girls

## Parents Guide

### Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:PG Australia:NRC (original rating) Brazil:12 Canada:PG (Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:A (Nova Scotia) Canada:G (Quebec) Canada:14A (video rating) Denmark:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Ecuador:TP (self-applied) Finland:K-15/13 (uncut) Finland:K-16/13 (uncut) Finland:K-16 (1988, uncut) Finland:K-16 (1974, cut) France:Tous publics Greece:K-8 Hong Kong:II (original rating) Hong Kong:IIA (re-rating) Iceland:L India:UA (re-rating) India:A (1978, original rating) Ireland:PG Italy:T Japan:G (2015) Malaysia:U Mexico:A Netherlands:12 Netherlands:AL (2000, DVD rating) Nigeria:PG Norway:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Norway:12 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1974, cinema rating) Peru:14 Philippines:PG Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Saudi Arabia:PG South Africa:PG South Korea:15 Spain:18 (ICAA) Sweden:15 (1992, uncut) Sweden:15 (1974, cut) United Kingdom:PG United Kingdom:A (original rating) United Kingdom:PG (2012, video rating) United Kingdom:PG (1987, video rating) United States:PG (certificate #24040) West Germany:16

**Sex & Nudity** –Mild **Violence & Gore** – Moderate **Profanity** – Mild **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Mild

