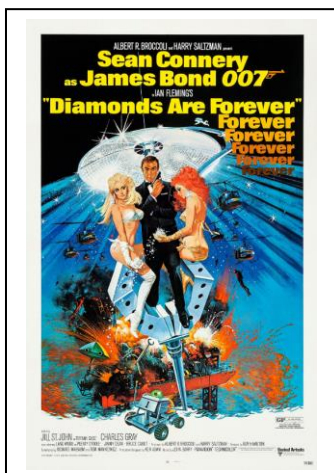
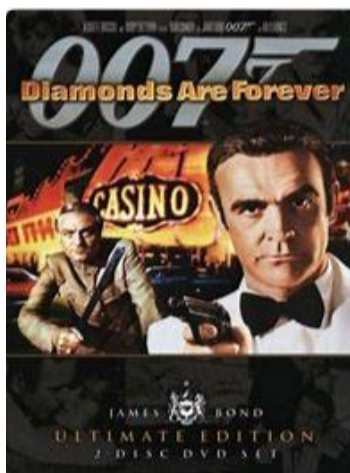


The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection



7. Diamonds Are Forever

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Information

Release Title: Sean Connery 007 30th December 1971 (United Kingdom)

From: From *Diamonds Are Forever* – Ian Fleming Novel

Origin: United Kingdom

Release date: United States – 17th December 1971

Genres: Action, Adventure, Thriller

Disc Nos. – 6-6

Certification: 12

Duration: 2h 00m

Languages: English, German.

Filming locations: Elrod House - 2175 Southridge Drive, Palm Springs, California, USA (Willard Whyte's Winter Villa Desert House)

Sound mix: Dolby Surround 7.1, Mono

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

Storyline

James Bond—agent 007—pursues Ernst Stavro Blofeld and eventually finds him at a facility where Blofeld look-alikes are being created through plastic surgery. Bond kills a test subject, and later the "real" Blofeld, by drowning him in a pool of superheated mud.

While assassins Mr. Wint and Mr. Kidd systematically kill several diamond smugglers, M suspects that South African diamonds are being stockpiled to depress prices by dumping, and assigns Bond to uncover the smuggling ring. Disguised as professional smuggler and assassin Peter Franks, Bond travels to Amsterdam to meet contact Tiffany Case. The real Franks shows up on the way, but Bond intercepts and kills him, then switches IDs to make it seem like Franks is Bond. Tiffany and Bond then go to Los Angeles, smuggling the diamonds inside Franks' corpse.

At the airport, Bond meets his CIA ally Felix Leiter who is disguised as a U.S. Customs Inspector, then travels to Las Vegas. At a funeral home, Franks' body is cremated and the diamonds are passed on to another smuggler, Shady Tree. Bond is nearly killed by Wint and Kidd when they try to cremate him, but Tree stops the process when he discovers that the diamonds in Franks' body were fakes, planted by Bond and the CIA. Bond tells Leiter to ship the real diamonds. Bond then goes to the Whyte House, a casino-hotel owned by the reclusive billionaire Willard Whyte, where Tree works as a stand-up comedian. Bond discovers there that Tree has been killed by Wint and Kidd, who did not know that the diamonds were fake.

Diamonds Are Forever



Theatrical release poster by Robert McGinnis

Directed by	Guy Hamilton
Screenplay by	Richard Maibaum Tom Mankiewicz
Based on	<i>Diamonds Are Forever</i> by Ian Fleming
Produced by	Harry Saltzman Albert R. Broccoli
Starring	Sean Connery Jill St. John Charles Gray Lana Wood Jimmy Dean Bruce Cabot
Cinematography	Ted Moore
Edited by	Bert Bates John Holmes
Music by	John Barry
Production company	Eon Productions
Distributed by	United Artists
Release dates	14 December 1971 (West Germany) 17 December 1971 (USA) 30 December 1971 (UK, premiere)
Running time	120 minutes
Countries	United Kingdom ^[1] United States ^[2]
Language	English
Budget	\$7.2 million ^[3]
Box office	\$116 million ^[3]

At the craps table Bond meets the opportunistic Plenty O'Toole, and after gambling, brings her to his room. Gangsters ambush them, throwing O'Toole out the window and into the pool. Bond spends the rest of the night with Tiffany, instructing her to retrieve the diamonds at the Circus casino. Tiffany reneges on her deal and flees, passing off the diamonds to the next smuggler. However, seeing that O'Toole was killed after being mistaken for her, Tiffany changes her mind. She drives Bond to the airport, where the diamonds are given to Whyte's casino manager, Bert Saxby, who is followed to a remote facility. Bond enters the apparent destination of the diamonds — a research laboratory owned by Whyte, where a satellite is being built by Professor Doctor Metz, a laser refraction specialist. When Bond's cover is blown, he escapes by stealing a Moon buggy and reunites with Tiffany.

Bond scales the walls to the Whyte House's top floor to confront Whyte. He is instead met by two identical Blofelds, who use an electronic device to sound like Whyte. Bond kills one of the Blofelds, which turns out to be a look-alike. He is then knocked out by gas, picked up by Wint and Kidd and taken out to Las Vegas Valley, where he is placed in a pipeline and left to die. Bond escapes, then calls Blofeld, using a similar electronic device to pose as Saxby. He finds out Whyte's location and rescues him, Saxby being killed in the gunfight. In the meantime, Blofeld abducts Case. With the help of Whyte, Bond raids the lab and uncovers Blofeld's plot to create a laser satellite using the diamonds, which by now has already been sent into orbit. With the satellite, Blofeld destroys nuclear weapons in China, the Soviet Union and the United States, then proposes an international auction for global nuclear supremacy.

Whyte identifies an oil platform off the coast of Baja California as Blofeld's base of operations. After Bond's attempt to change the cassette containing the satellite control codes fails due to a mistake by Tiffany, a helicopter attack on the oil rig is launched by Leiter and the CIA. Blofeld tries to escape in a midget submarine. Bond gains control of the submarine's launch crane and uses the sub as a wrecking ball, destroying both the satellite control and the base. Bond and Tiffany then head for Britain on a cruise ship, where Wint and Kidd pose as room-service stewards and attempt to kill them with a hidden bomb. Bond kills them instead.

Cast:

Sean Connery as James Bond: British MI6 agent 007.

Jill St. John as Tiffany Case: A diamond smuggler.

Charles Gray as Ernst Stavro Blofeld: The head of SPECTRE and Bond's arch-enemy. Gray had previously appeared in the series when he played Dikko Henderson in 1967's *You Only Live Twice*.

Lana Wood as Plenty O'Toole: A woman Bond meets at a casino.

Jimmy Dean as Willard Whyte: An entrepreneur, loosely based on Howard Hughes.

Bruce Cabot as Albert R. 'Bert' Saxby: Whyte's casino manager who is in cahoots with Blofeld. His name is a reference to the producer Albert R. Broccoli.

Bruce Glover and Putter Smith as Mr. Wint and Mr. Kidd: Blofeld's henchmen.

Norman Burton as Felix Leiter: A CIA agent, and Bond's ally in tracking Blofeld.

Joseph Furst as Dr. Metz: A scientist who is the world's leading expert on laser refraction, who is on Blofeld's payroll.

Bernard Lee as M: Head of MI6.

Desmond Llewelyn as Q: Head of MI6's technical department.

Leonard Barr as Shady Tree: A stand-up comedian and smuggler.

Lois Maxwell as Miss Moneypenny: M's secretary.

Margaret Lacey as Mrs. Whistler, a teacher and diamond smuggler.

Joe Robinson as Peter Franks: A diamond smuggler whose identity is taken by Bond.

David de Keyser as Doctor.

Laurence Naismith as Sir Donald Munger: A diamond expert who brings the case to MI6.

David Bauer as Morton Slumber: President of Slumber Incorporated, a funeral home.

Marc Lawrence and Sid Haig as Slumber Inc. attendants.

In uncredited roles, Lola Larson and Trina Parks appeared as Bambi and Thumper, Whyte's bodyguards; Shane Rimmer as Tom, the director of Whyte's astronautics facility; Ed Bishop as Klaus Hergersheimer, a scientist involved with building the satellite; Henry Rowland as Doctor Tynan, and Cassandra Peterson as a dancer. Peterson admits in her autobiography that she was in the film but believes she didn't make the final

edit. It has been rumoured that Peterson and later star Valerie Perrine played Shady Tree's "Acorns", the showgirls who support him during his standup routine. They were actually played by performers Jennifer Castle and Pat Gill.

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:M Brazil:12 Canada:PG (Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:A (Nova Scotia) Canada:G (Quebec) Denmark:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Finland:K-16 Finland:K-15/13 Finland:K-16/13 Finland:K-16 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) France:Tous publics Germany:16 Greece:K-12 Iceland:12 India:U Ireland:PG (DVD) Ireland:12RA (VHS) Ireland:12 (2012) Italy:T Japan:G (2015) Mexico:A Netherlands:12 (TV rating) Netherlands:14 (original rating) Netherlands:AL (2000, DVD rating) New Zealand:PG Norway:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Norway:12 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1971, cinema rating) Peru:Apt Philippines:PG Poland:16 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 South Africa:A South Korea:15 Spain:A Sweden:15 (1992, uncut) Sweden:15 (1971, cut) Turkey:7A (self-applied) United Kingdom:12 United Kingdom:A (original rating, passed with cuts) United Kingdom:PG (tv rating) United Kingdom:12 (2012) United Kingdom:PG (2001, video rating) United States:PG (certificate #23067) United States:GP (original rating) United States:PG (1994, certificate #23067, re-rating) United Arab Emirates:Not Rated West Germany:16 (nf)

Sex & Nudity –Mild **Violence & Gore** – Moderate **Profanity** – None **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking** – Mild **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - Mild

