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## 4. Thunderball

### Information

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From: From Thunderball – Ian Fleming Novel

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Genres: Action, Adventure, Thriller

Disc Nos. – 4-6

Certification: PG

Duration: 2h 10m

Languages: English, Cinease, Spanish

Filming locations: Sullivan Residence, Rock Point, Love Beach, off West Bay Street, North Shore, New Providence Island, Bahamas (Largo's Lair - Palmyra Estate)

Sound mix: 6-Track Stereo

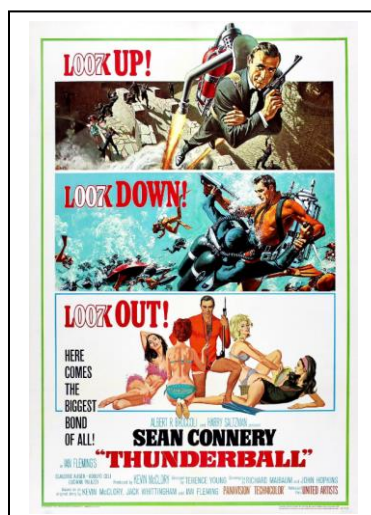
Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

### Storyline

SPECTRE operative Emilio Largo devises a plan to hold NATO to ransom by hijacking two atomic bombs from a Royal Air Force (RAF) Avro Vulcan strategic jet bomber during a training exercise. To facilitate Largo's plans, SPECTRE operative Count Lippe recruits Angelo Palazzi to oversee the theft of the bombs. With help from SPECTRE agent Fiona Volpe, Lippe has Palazzi surgically alter his face to match that of French Air Force pilot François Derval, who is assisting in the exercise. Volpe and Palazzi murder the real Derval, while they are staying at the Shrublands health resort, only for the latter to demand more money. Volpe acquiesces, merely to have him continue with their operation. Following the plan, Palazzi successfully hijacks the bomber, killing its crew, and lands it in shallow waters within the Bahamas. While the bombs are recovered by his men, Largo murders Palazzi for reneging on his original deal with SPECTRE.

British secret agent James Bond, recuperating at Shrublands after a previous assignment, notices Lippe's presence and keeps him under observation, discovering Derval's body. Upon being urgently recalled to London, Bond finds himself targeted by Lippe for trying to interfere. Before he can defend himself, Volpe kills Lippe for jeopardizing Largo's scheme. Once back in London, Bond learns that all 00 agents are being put on high alert following the theft of the bombs, after being informed a major city in the United States or the United Kingdom will be destroyed unless £100 million is paid to SPECTRE within seven days. While in



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Theatrical release poster by Robert McGinnis and Frank McCarthy

Directed by	Terence Young
Screenplay by	Richard Maibaum John Hopkins
Original screenplay by	Jack Whittingham
Story by	Kevin McClory Jack Whittingham Ian Fleming
Based on	<i>Thunderball</i> by Ian Fleming
Produced by	Kevin McClory
Starring	Sean Connery Claudine Auger Adolfo Celi Luciana Paluzzi Rik Van Nutter Guy Doleman
Cinematography	Ted Moore
Edited by	Peter Hunt Ernest Hosler
Music by	John Barry
Production company	Eon Productions
Distributed by	United Artists
Release dates	9 December 1965 (Tokyo, premiere) 22 December 1965 (United States) 29 December 1965 (United Kingdom)
Running time	130 minutes
Countries	United Kingdom <sup>[1][2][3]</sup> United States <sup>[4]</sup>
Language	English
Budget	\$9 million
Box office	\$141.2 million

talks with M on his assignment, Bond requests he be assigned to Nassau, Bahamas, to contact Derval's sister Domino, after recognising Derval from the photo given to the agents in their main briefing as the body he found at the resort.

Bond meets with Domino, who he learns is the mistress of Largo when he visits a local casino. Both men recognise each other as adversaries and engage in a tense cat-and-mouse game while still pretending ignorance of each other's true nature. Following their initial meeting, Bond meets with his friend, CIA agent Felix Leiter, fellow agent Paula Caplan, and MI6 quartermaster Q, to receive equipment to help with finding the bombs, including an underwater infrared camera and miniature underwater breathing apparatus. Investigating Largo's ship, Disco Volante, he notices an underwater hatch beneath her that intrigues him. The next day, he visits Largo at his estate during the night, only to find that Paula had been abducted and committed suicide before she could talk. Forced to escape, Bond evades Largo's men during a Junkanoo celebration. Volpe catches up to Bond, but is accidentally shot by a henchman aiming for Bond.

Suspecting the bombs were brought to the area, Bond and Leiter search for the Vulcan and find it camouflaged underwater, along with the body of Palazzi. Upon returning to the island, Bond reveals to Domino that her brother was killed by Largo and gets her to help him search Disco Volante. However, Largo catches her in the act and has her imprisoned. Meanwhile, Bond replaces one of Largo's men as SPECTRE prepares to move the bombs, and manages to learn where one of them is being moved to before being discovered and left behind. Reuniting with Leiter, the pair gets the U.S. Navy to intercept Disco Volante crew and recover one of the bombs in an underwater battle. Bond pursues Largo and grabs hold of Disco Volante as she sheds the rear half to become a hydrofoil to escape. Bond gets on deck and sends the Disco Volante out of control whilst he defeats Largo's men and fights Largo. Largo gets the upper hand and is about to shoot Bond when Domino kills Largo in revenge after his hired nuclear physicist frees her. The trio quickly flees Disco Volante just barely before her destruction, whereupon Bond and Domino are retrieved by a plane with the Fulton system.

## Cast:

Sean Connery as James Bond: An MI6 agent assigned to retrieve two stolen nuclear weapons

Claudine Auger as Domino (voice dubbed by Nikki van der Zyl): Dominique "Domino" Derval is Largo's mistress. In early drafts of the screenplay, Domino's name was Dominetta Palazzi. When Claudine Auger was cast as Domino, the name was changed to Derval to reflect her nationality. The character's wardrobe reflects her name, as she is usually dressed in black and/or white.

Adolfo Celi as Emilio Largo (voice dubbed by Robert Rietty): SPECTRE's Number Two, he creates a scheme to steal two atomic bombs.

Luciana Paluzzi as Fiona Volpe: SPECTRE assassin who becomes Francois Derval's mistress to kill and replace him with his double and later helps with Largo's plot in Nassau.

Rik Van Nutter as Felix Leiter: CIA agent who helps Bond

Guy Doleman as Count Lippe: the SPECTRE agent (ranked Number Four) in charge of the operation of replacing Derval with Angelo.

Molly Peters (voice dubbed by Barbara Jefford) as Patricia Fearing: A physiotherapist at the health clinic

Martine Beswick as Paula Caplan: Bond's CIA ally in Nassau

Bernard Lee as "M": Head of MI6

Desmond Llewelyn as "Q": MI6's quartermaster, he supplies Bond with multi-purpose vehicles and gadgets useful for the latter's missions.

Lois Maxwell as Moneypenny: M's secretary

Roland Culver as the Home Secretary: British Minister who briefs the "00" agents for Operation Thunderball and has doubts about Bond's efficiency

Earl Cameron as Pinder: Bahaman intelligence operative who serves as Bond and Leiter's contact in Nassau

Paul Stassino as François Derval / Angelo Palazzi (credited for Palazzi): François Derval is a French Air Force pilot assigned to the NATO staff and also Domino's brother. He is killed by Angelo, who impersonates him.

Rose Alba as Madame Boitier, purportedly the widow of Colonel Jacques Bouvar, while in actuality 'she' is Bouvar in disguise.

Philip Locke as Vargas: Largo's personal assistant and primary henchman.

George Pravda as Ladislav Kutze: A nuclear physicist, he aids Largo with the captured bombs, but when Largo disregards the authorities firing on them, he pities and rescues Domino.

Michael Brennan as Janni: one of Largo's henchmen, usually paired with Vargas

Leonard Sachs as Group Captain Prichard, Bond's RAF liaison during Operation Thunderball.  
Edward Underdown as Air Vice Marshal, a senior RAF officer who briefs the 00 agents on the range of the missing Vulcan and its disappearance

Reginald Beckwith as Kenniston, the Home Secretary's assistant.

Uncredited:

Maryse Guy Mitsouko as Madame La Barbie, a French secret service agent (uncredited)

Bob Simmons as Colonel Jacques Bouvar, SPECTRE Number Six, who is killed by Bond in the pre-title scene (uncredited)

Anthony Dawson as Ernst Stavro Blofeld (voiced by Eric Pohlmann): The head of SPECTRE, Number One (both uncredited)

Bill Cummings as Quist: one of Largo's henchmen. (uncredited)

Murray Kash as SPECTRE Number Eleven, an American senior member of SPECTRE who reports on a drug dealing mission jointly led by him and Number Nine. (uncredited)

André Maranne as SPECTRE Number Ten, a French senior member of SPECTRE who reports on assassinating a French defector to the USSR. (uncredited)

Clive Cazes as SPECTRE Number Nine, a French senior member of SPECTRE. (uncredited)

Michael Smith as SPECTRE Number Eight, a senior member of SPECTRE. (uncredited)

Cecil Cheng as SPECTRE Number Seven, a Japanese senior member of SPECTRE who reports on a blackmail mission. (uncredited)

Philip Stone as SPECTRE Number Five, an English senior member of SPECTRE who reports on helping to plan the Great Train Robbery. (uncredited)

Victor Beaumont as SPECTRE Number Three, a senior member of SPECTRE. (uncredited)

Gábor Baraker as SPECTRE Number Thirteen, a senior member of SPECTRE. (uncredited)

## Parents Guide

### Certification

Argentina:14 Australia:A (original rating) Australia:PG (1986, re-rating) Brazil:12 Canada:PG (Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:A (Nova Scotia) Canada:G (Quebec) Canada:PG (video rating) Denmark:11 Egypt:13+ (self-applied) Finland:K-16 Finland:K-15/13 Finland:K-16/13 France:Tous publics Germany:12 (1991, re-rating, uncut) Greece:K-8 Iceland:12 India:UA (re-rating) India:A (1967, original rating) Ireland:12 (DVD rating) Ireland:PG (2012, re-rating) Italy:T Japan:G (2015) Mexico:B (original rating) Mexico:A (re-rating) Netherlands:12 Netherlands:14 (original rating) Netherlands:AL (2000, DVD rating) Nigeria:PG Norway:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Norway:9 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1965, cinema rating) Peru:14 Philippines:PG Poland:12 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Saudi Arabia:PG Singapore:PG South Africa:PG South Korea:15 Spain:13 Spain:18 (original rating, ICAA) Sweden:15 Turkey:7A (self-applied) United Kingdom:PG United Kingdom:A (original rating, passed with cuts) United Kingdom:PG (1987, re-rating) United States:Approved (original rating) United States:PG (1994) United States:GP (1970, re-rating) West Germany:16 (original rating, nf) West Germany:12 (1983, VHS, cut)

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

