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Title: **MIB – Men in Black (1)**



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Men in Black

Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Barry Sonnenfeld
Written by	Ed Solomon
Based on	<i>The Men in Black</i> by Lowell Cunningham
Produced by	Walter F. Parkes Laurie MacDonald
Starring	Tommy Lee Jones Will Smith Linda Fiorentino Vincent D'Onofrio Rip Torn
Cinematography	Don Peterman
Edited by	Jim Miller
Music by	Danny Elfman
Production companies	Columbia Pictures Amblin Entertainment Parkes/MacDonald Productions
Distributed by	Sony Pictures Releasing
Release date	July 2, 1997 (United States)
Running time	98 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$90 million ^[1]
Box office	\$589.4 million ^[1]

Information

Release Title: MIB Men in Black – 1st August 1997 (United Kingdom)

From:

AKA:

Release date:

Origin: United States

Genre: Action, Adventure, Comedy, Sci-Fi

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 12

Duration: 1h 38mm

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English, Spanish

Filming locations: Brooklyn Battery Tunnel Ventilator Shaft, Battery Park, Manhattan, New York City, New York, USA (Men in Black HQ)

Sound mix: DTS, Dolby Digital

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1:85:1

Storyline

At the Mexico–United States border, two men in black suits, Agent K and Agent D, interrupt a border patrol sting. They take one of the men attempting to cross the border, who is an extra-terrestrial in disguise. When it tries to attack one of the patrol officers, K is forced to shoot it and erase the memories of everyone in the group, creating a cover story of an explosion in an underground gas pipeline. Deciding that he is too old to continue working, D chooses to retire and has K erase his memory.

NYPD officer James Darrell Edwards III catches an unnaturally agile fleeing criminal and sees his eyes blink unusually before he leaps from the roof of the Guggenheim Museum. During his interrogation, K arrives and scouts James as a potential new partner, impressed by his ability to chase down an alien. K explains to James that their organization, the Men in Black, was founded after first contact was made with aliens in 1961; at this time Earth was established as a politically neutral zone for alien refugees.

The MIB is a secret organization that monitors and polices these aliens and uses neutralizers to erase the memories of anyone who witnesses alien activities. James agrees to join, taking a new identity as Agent J, and his civilian identity is erased from government records.

Meanwhile, an alien crash-lands in upstate New York, kills a farmer named Edgar, and begins wearing his skin as a disguise. J and K investigate the crash site and discover this alien is a "bug," an extremely dangerous, cockroach-like species. The bug kills two disguised aliens, who are sent to a city morgue overseen by coroner Laurel Weaver. J and K inspect the bodies, and J and Laurel accidentally open the head of one, revealing a small, injured alien in a control cockpit. The alien tells them "To prevent war, the galaxy is on Orion's belt." before dying.

K neutralizes Laurel and tells J that the other dead alien, Rosenberg, was a member of the Arquillian royal family. They question an informant, Frank the Pug, who explains that Rosenberg was the guardian of a galaxy that is a precious source of sub-atomic energy; the bug killed Rosenberg to acquire it so the bugs may destroy the Arquillians. Frank also tells them that the galaxy is on Earth and is very small. An Arquillian warship enters Earth's orbit, issuing an ultimatum to MIB to give them the galaxy.

J deduces the galaxy is in a jewel on the collar of Rosenberg's cat, Orion, which is in Laurel's care. The bug reaches the same conclusion and arrives at the morgue first; it seizes and swallows the galaxy and flees with Laurel. The Arquillians, who are willing to destroy the galaxy rather than let the bugs have it, warn MIB that they will destroy Earth in one hour unless the galaxy is returned.

With all other transports locked down, J realizes the bug's only escape is the observation towers of the New York State Pavilion at Flushing Meadows, which was built for the 1964 New York World's Fair to disguise two real flying saucers. The bug attempts to take off, but J and K shoot down the ship, and the bug sheds Edgar's skin to reveal its true form while expanding greatly in size. It swallows J and K's guns, and K goads it to swallow him as well. The bug begins to board the second ship. J steps on cockroaches from a dumpster to antagonize it, stalling it until K finds his gun in its stomach and shoots it from inside. The remains of the bug attack the two, but Laurel destroys it with J's gun.

After recovering the galaxy from the bug's remains, K admits to J that he is ready to retire from MIB and has been training J as a replacement rather than a partner. After bidding each other farewell, J neutralizes K, creating a cover story that he was in a coma for 35 years. Laurel joins MIB as J's new partner, Agent L. The entire Milky Way galaxy proves to be contained within a marble that a giant alien is using to play a game.

Cast

Men in Black / Cast

Tommy Lee Jones - Kay

Will Smith -Jay

Linda Fiorentino -Laurel

Vincent D'Onofrio -Edgar

Rip Torn -Zed

Tony Shalhoub -Jeebs

Siobhan Fallon Hogan - Beatrice

Mike Nussbaum - Gentle Rosenberg

Jon Gries - Van Driver

Carel Struycken - Arquillian

Fredric Lehne - INS Agent Janus

Richard Hamilton - Dee

Kent Faulcon -1st Lt. Jake Jensen

Keith Campbell - Perp

Ken Thorley - Zap-Em Man

Patrick Breen - Mr. Redgick

Becky Ann Baker - Mrs. Redgick

Sean Whalen - Passport Officer

Michael Willis - Cop in Morgue

Willie C. Carpenter - Police Inspector

Peter Linari - Tow Truck Driver

David Cross - Morgue Attendant

Charles C. Stevenson Jr. - MIB Agent Bee

Boris Leskin - Cook

Andy Prosky - INS Agent

Alpheus Merchant - Security Guard

Bernard Gilkey - Baseball Player

Michael Kaliski - First Contact Alien

Debbie Lee Carrington - Alien Father

Verne Troyer - Alien Son

Tim Blaney - Frank the Pug

Mark Setrakian - Rosenberg Alien

Brad Abrell - Worm Guy

Carl J. Johnson -Worm Guy

Drew Massey - Worm Guy

Michael Goldfinger - NYPD sergeant

Norma Jean Groh - Mrs. Edelson

Sean Plummer - First Contact Alien

Richard Arthur - 2nd First Contact Alien

Mykal Wayne Williams - Scared Guy

Thom Fountain - Worm Guy

Parents Guide

Argentina:13 Australia:M Australia:PG (cut) Brazil:Livre (original rating) Brazil:12 (2020, re-rating) Canada:PG Chile:TE Czechia:U Denmark:11 Egypt:G (self-applied) Finland:K-12 France:Tous publics Germany:12 Greece:K-8 Hong Kong:IIA Hungary:12 Iceland:12 India:UA Ireland:12 Italy:T Japan:G Malaysia:U Mexico:A Mongolia:PG Netherlands:12 Netherlands:AL (1999, video rating) New Zealand:PG (original rating, cut) New Zealand:M (uncut) Nigeria:12 Norway:11 Norway:12 (VOD) Peru:Apt Philippines:PG-13 Poland:12 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Romania:I.C.-14 Russia:0+ Singapore:PG South Africa:10 (V) South Korea:12 Spain:7 Sweden:11 Thailand:Not Rated (self-applied) Turkey:13A (iTunes rating) United Kingdom:12 United Kingdom:PG (original rating, cut) United Kingdom:12 (2017, re-rating, uncut) United States:TV-PG United States:TV-14 (DLV) United States:PG-13 (certificate #34340) United Arab Emirates:15+ (self-applied) Vietnam:C13

Sex & Nudity

Mild

Violence & Gore

Moderate

Profanity
Moderate
Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking
Mild
Frightening & Intense Scenes
Moderate

MPAA Rated PG-13 for language and sci-fi violence

