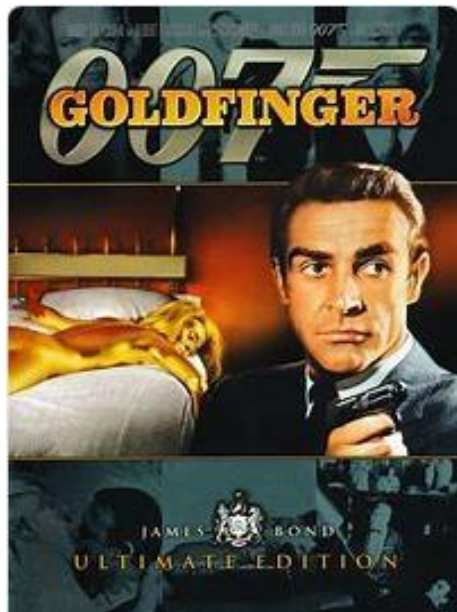


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3. Goldfinger

Information

Release Title: Sean Connery 007 20th September 1964 (United Kingdom) From: From Goldfinger – Ian Fleming Novel
 Origin: United Kingdom, United States
 Release date: United States – 08th April 1964
 Genres: Action, Adventure, Thriller
 Disc Nos. – 3-6
 Certification: PG Duration: 1h 50m
 Languages: English, Chinese, Spanish
 Filming locations: Goldfinger Avenue, Pinewood Studios, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire, England, UK(Bond infiltrates Auric Enterprises)
 Sound mix: Dolby Digital
 Colour: PAL
 Aspect Ratio: 1.66:1

Storyline

After destroying a drug laboratory in Latin America, MI6 agent James Bond vacations in Miami Beach. His superior, M, via CIA agent Felix Leiter, directs Bond to observe bullion dealer Auric Goldfinger at the hotel there. Bond discovers Goldfinger cheating at a high-stakes gin rummy game, aided remotely by his employee, Jill Masterson. Bond interrupts Jill and blackmails Goldfinger into losing. After a night with Jill, Bond is knocked out by Goldfinger's Korean manservant Oddjob. Bond awakens to find Jill covered in gold paint, dead from "skin suffocation".

In London, a Bank of England official and M task Bond with determining how Goldfinger smuggles gold internationally. Q supplies Bond with a modified Aston Martin DB5 and two tracking devices. Bond meets Goldfinger at his country club in Kent and plays a round of golf with him, wagering a bar of recovered Nazi gold supplied to him by the Bank of England. Goldfinger attempts to cheat, but Bond tricks him into losing the match. Goldfinger warns Bond against interfering in his affairs, and Oddjob demonstrates his formidable strength and the deadly ease with which he can decapitate any victim with his special steel-rimmed hat. Goldfinger has Oddjob demonstrate on a stone statue.

Goldfinger



Theatrical release poster by Robert Brownjohn

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| Directed by | Guy Hamilton |
| Screenplay by | Richard Maibaum Paul Dehn |
| Based on | <i>Goldfinger</i> by Ian Fleming |
| Produced by | Harry Saltzman Albert R. Broccoli |
| Starring | Sean Connery Honor Blackman Gert Fröbe Shirley Eaton Tania Mallet Harold Sakata |
| Cinematography | Ted Moore |
| Edited by | Peter R. Hunt |
| Music by | John Barry |
| Production company | Eon Productions |
| Distributed by | United Artists |
| Release dates | 17 September 1964 (London, premiere) 18 September 1964 (United Kingdom) 22 December 1964 (United States) |
| Running time | 110 minutes |
| Countries | United Kingdom ^[1] United States ^[2] |
| Language | English |
| Budget | \$3 million |
| Box office | \$125 million |

Bond trails Goldfinger to Switzerland, where he meets Jill's sister, Tilly, who attempts and fails to assassinate Goldfinger. Bond sneaks into Goldfinger's refinery and overhears him telling a Chinese nuclear physicist, Ling, that he incorporates gold into the bodywork of his Rolls-Royce Phantom III to smuggle out of England.

Bond also overhears Goldfinger mention "Operation Grand Slam", and encounters Tilly, who again tries to kill Goldfinger. An alarm is tripped and Oddjob kills Tilly with his lethal hat. Bond is captured and strapped to a table with an overhead industrial laser, the beam slicing toward him. Bond lies to Goldfinger that MI6 knows about Operation Grand Slam. Goldfinger spares Bond's life so MI6 can think he is safe. Pilot Pussy Galore flies the captive Bond to Goldfinger's stud farm near Lexington, Kentucky in a private jet. Once there, Bond escapes his cell and witnesses Goldfinger's meeting with American mafiosi, who are supplying materials for Operation Grand Slam. Goldfinger plans to breach the U.S. Bullion Depository at Fort Knox by releasing delta-9 nerve gas into the atmosphere, killing the personnel.

The mobsters ridicule Goldfinger's scheme, particularly a Mr. Solo who demands to be paid immediately and leaves before the others are gassed to death by Goldfinger. Bond is captured by Pussy Galore, but attempts to alert the CIA by planting his homing device in Solo's pocket as he leaves. Unfortunately, Solo is killed by Oddjob and his body destroyed in a car crusher along with the homing device. Bond confronts Goldfinger over the logistical implausibility of moving the gold. As Goldfinger denies an intent to steal it, Bond deduces from the presence of Mr. Ling that Goldfinger has been offered a dirty bomb by the Chinese government, to detonate inside the vault to irradiate the gold for decades. Goldfinger's own gold will increase in value and the Chinese gain an advantage from the economic chaos. Goldfinger warns that any attempt to interfere will result in the bomb being detonated at another vital U.S. location.

Bond engages in a fight with Pussy that ends with them embracing and forming their own bond, unbeknownst to Goldfinger. Operation Grand Slam launches with Pussy Galore's Flying Circus spraying gas over Fort Knox, seemingly killing the military guards and government personnel. Goldfinger's private army breaks into Fort Knox and accesses the vault as Goldfinger arrives in a helicopter with the bomb. In the vault, Goldfinger's henchman, Kisch, handcuffs Bond to the bomb. Unbeknownst to Goldfinger, Bond's intimacy with Pussy Galore convinced her to alert the U.S. authorities. The nerve gas has been replaced with a harmless substance. Goldfinger locks the vault with Bond, Oddjob, and Kisch trapped inside.

When the U.S. army begin their attack, Goldfinger kills nuclear expert Ling in a ruse and escapes. Kisch attempts to disarm the bomb but Oddjob kills him. Bond frees himself with Kisch's key, but Oddjob batters him before he can stop the bomb. Bond manages to fatally electrocute Oddjob then forces the lock off the bomb but is unsure how to disarm it. After killing Goldfinger's men, U.S. troops open the vault. An atomic specialist rushes in and turns off the device with seven seconds left (the timer reading "007"). En route with Pussy, Bond is flown to the White House for lunch with the president, but Goldfinger hijacks the plane. In a struggle for Goldfinger's revolver, the gun discharges and creates an explosive decompression that blows Goldfinger through the ruptured window. Bond and Pussy parachute safely from the aircraft before it crashes. Leiter's search helicopter passes over the pair, who have landed in a wood. Bond declares: "This is no time to be rescued", and draws the parachute over himself and Galore.

Cast

Sean Connery as James Bond (007): An MI6 agent who is sent to investigate Auric Goldfinger. Connery reprised the role of Bond for the third time in a row. His salary rose, but a pay dispute later broke out during filming. After he suffered a back injury when filming the scene where Oddjob knocks Bond unconscious in Miami, the dispute was settled: Eon and Connery agreed to a deal where the actor would receive 5% of the gross of each Bond film, he starred in.

Honor Blackman as Pussy Galore: Goldfinger's personal pilot and leader of an all-female team of pilots known as Pussy Galore's Flying Circus. Blackman was selected for the role of Pussy Galore because of her role as the skilled judoka Cathy Gale in *The Avengers*, for which she had received martial arts training.

The script was rewritten to make Pussy Galore a judoka as well. The character's name follows in the tradition of other Bond girls' names that are double enterers. Concerned about censors, the producers thought about changing the character's name to "Kitty Galore", but they and Hamilton decided "if you were a ten-year old boy and knew what the name meant, you weren't a ten-year old boy, you were a dirty little bitch."

The American censor was concerned, but we got round that by inviting him and his wife out to dinner and [told him] we were big supporters of the Republican Party." During promotion, Blackman took delight in embarrassing interviewers by repeatedly mentioning the character's name. Whilst the American censors did not interfere with the name in the film, they refused to allow the name "Pussy Galore" to appear on promotional materials and for the US market she was subsequently called "Miss Galore" or "Goldfinger's personal pilot".

Gert Fröbe as Auric Goldfinger: A wealthy, psychopathic man obsessed with gold. Orson Welles was considered as Goldfinger, but his financial demands were too high; Theodore Bikel auditioned for the role, but failed. Fröbe was cast because the producers saw his performance as a child molester in the German film *Es geschah am hellichten Tag*. Fröbe, who spoke little English, said his lines phonetically, but was too slow. To redub him, he had to double the speed of his performance to get the right tempo. The only time his real voice is heard is during his meeting with members of the Mafia at Auric Stud. Bond is hidden below the model of Fort Knox whilst Fröbe's natural voice can be heard above. However, he was redubbed for the rest of the film by TV actor Michael Collins. The match is widely praised as one of the most successful dubs in cinema history.

Shirley Eaton as Jill Masterson: Bond Girl and Goldfinger's aide-de-camp, whom Bond catches helping the villain cheat at a game of cards. He seduces her, but for her betrayal, she is completely painted in gold paint and, according to Bond, dies from "skin suffocation". Eaton was sent by her agent to meet Harry Saltzman and agreed to take the part if the nudity was done tastefully. It took an hour and a half to apply the paint to her body. Although only a small part in the film, the image of her painted gold was renowned and Eaton appeared on the cover of *Life* magazine on 6 November 1964.

Tania Mallet as Tilly Masterson: Jill's sister.

Harold Sakata as Oddjob: Goldfinger's lethal Korean manservant. Director Guy Hamilton cast Sakata, an Olympic silver medallist weightlifter, as Oddjob after seeing him on a wrestling programme. Hamilton called Sakata an "absolutely charming man", and found that "he had a very unique way of moving, [so] in creating Oddjob I used all of Harold's own characteristics". Sakata was badly burned when filming his death scene, in which Oddjob was electrocuted by Bond. Sakata, however, kept holding onto the hat with determination, despite his pain, until the director called "Cut!" Oddjob has been described as "a wordless role, but one of cinema's great villains."

Bernard Lee as M: 007's boss and head of the British Secret Service.

Martin Benson as Mr Solo: The lone gangster who refuses to take part in Operation Grand Slam. The surname Solo was re-used by Ian Fleming when he was briefly involved in creating the character

Napoleon Solo for the American TV series, *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, which led to a threatened lawsuit by Bond producers Broccoli and Saltzman, forcing Fleming to back out of the series.

Cec Linder as Felix Leiter: Bond's CIA liaison in the United States. Linder was the only actor actually on location in Miami. Linder's interpretation of Leiter was that of a somewhat older man than the way the character was played by Jack Lord in *Dr. No*; in reality, Linder was a year younger than Lord. According to screenwriter Richard Maibaum, Lord demanded co-star billing, a bigger role and more money to reprise the Felix Leiter role in *Goldfinger* that led the producers to recast the role. At the last

minute, Cec Linder switched roles with Austin Willis who played cards with Goldfinger. Austin Willis

as Mr Roy Simmons: Goldfinger's gullible gin rummy opponent in Miami.

Lois Maxwell as Miss Moneypenny.

Bill Nagy as Mr Billy Midnight: The gangster whose contributions Goldfinger says helped smuggle the nerve gas across the Canadian border. He initially complains that New York and West Coast mafiosi were also participating, and is the first one to remind Goldfinger that he was specifically promised \$1 million.

Desmond Llewelyn is not credited in the opening sequence but he plays Q, the head of Q-Branch, he supplies 007 with a modified Aston Martin DB5. Hamilton told Llewelyn to inject humour into the character thus beginning

the friendly antagonism between Q and Bond that became a hallmark of the series. He had already appeared in the previous Bond film *From Russia with Love* and, with the exception of *Live and Let Die*, would continue to play Q in the next 16 Bond films.

Michael Mellinger portrays Kisch, Goldfinger's secondary and quiet henchman and loyal lieutenant who leads his boss's false Army convoy to Fort Knox. Nadja Regin portrays Bonita, a dancer who sets a trap for Bond in the pre-credit sequence. Richard Vernon plays Colonel Smithers, a Bank of England official. Burt Kwouk portrays Mr Ling, a Communist Chinese nuclear fission specialist who provides Goldfinger with the dirty bomb to irradiate the gold inside Fort Knox. Margaret Nolan portrays Dink, Bond's masseuse from the Miami hotel sequence. Nolan also appeared as the gold-covered body in advertisements for the film and in the opening title sequence as the golden silhouette, described as "Gorgeous, iconic, seminal". Gerry Duggan portrays Hawker, Bond's golf caddy..

Parents Guide

Certification

Argentina:Atp Australia:A (original rating) Australia:M (1995, re-rating) Australia:PG (1985, re-rating) Australia:NRC (1975, re-rating) Brazil:14 Brazil:12 (TV rating) Canada:PG (Manitoba/Ontario) Canada:14 (Nova Scotia) Canada:13+ (original rating, Quebec) Canada:PG (video rating) Canada:G (2003, re-rating, Quebec) Denmark:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Finland:K-16 France:Tous publics Germany:16 Greece:K-12 Hungary:16 Iceland:12 India:UA (re-rating) India:A (1966, original rating) Ireland:PG Italy:T (DVD rating) Japan:G (2015) Malaysia:U Mexico:A Mexico:PG (DVD rating) Netherlands:12 (video rating) Netherlands:AL (2000, DVD rating) New Zealand:M Nigeria:G Norway:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Norway:9 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1986, cinema rating) Norway:16 (1964, cinema rating) Peru:14 Philippines:PG Poland:7 (self-applied) Portugal:M/12 Saudi Arabia:PG Serbia:12 Singapore:PG South Africa:PG South Korea:15 Spain:18 Sweden:15 Turkey:7A (self-applied) United Kingdom:PG United Kingdom:A (original rating, passed with cuts) United Kingdom:12 (recommended rating) United Kingdom:PG (tv rating) United Kingdom:PG (2009, video rating: additional material director's audio commentary) United Kingdom:PG (2000, video rating) United States:Approved (pca #20808) United States:TV-PG (TV rating) United States:PG (1994, certificate #20808) United States:GP (1971, certificate #20808) West Germany:16 (nf)

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



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