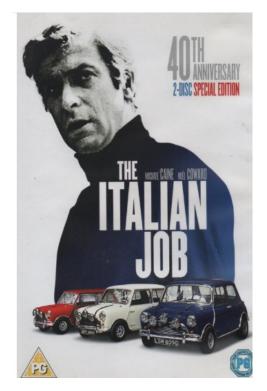
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Title: The Italian Job



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Information

Release **Title**: The Italian Job 25^h July 1969

(United Kingdom)

Origin: United States, United States, Italy

From: AKA:

Release date: United States – 3rd September 1969 Genres: Action, Comedy, Crime, Thriller,

Disc Nos. - 1 Certification: U Duration: 1h 39m Region Code: Region: 2 Product Code:

MPN: EAN: UPC:

Languages: English, Italian

Filming locations: Kilmainham Jail, Dublin, County Dublin, Ireland (Prison interior)

Sound mix: Mono Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1





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Storyline

Driving through the Alps, thief Roger Beckermann is killed when his car crashes into a bulldozer parked in a tunnel by the Mafia, who dispose of him and his car by pushing it into a nearby river. Meanwhile, his friend and fellow thief Charlie Croker is released from prison, reuniting with his girlfriend Lorna to enjoy his first taste of freedom. Leaving her to meet with Beckermann for a job he was planning in Italy, Croker is shocked to meet his widow instead. She insists he continue her late husband's plan, which he had completed before his death, of an ambitious heist of \$4 million in gold bullion from a security convoy intended as a down payment to Fiat by China for a car factory.

Croker breaks back into prison to ask British nationalist crime lord Mr. Bridger for financial backing. Initially unconvinced, Bridger soon offers support when he learns of the heist's target. With help from Bridger's organisation, run by his right-hand man Camp Freddie, Croker recruits a crew of specialists, including Lorna and computer expert Professor Peach – the latter needed for sabotaging Turin's traffic control system. After finalising preparations, Croker and his team are summoned by Bridger to a fake funeral ceremony, where he informs them that the Mafia killed Beckermann because of his planned heist, advising them to be careful, but not to return without the gold.

After leaving for Italy, Croker and some of his crew split off from the others while en route to Turin, to avoid raising suspicion. However, the small group soon encounter the Mafia waiting for them in the Alps, led by their boss Altabani, who destroys their cars. Croker narrowly manages to talk his way out of getting murdered. His crew infiltrate the Turin traffic control centre later that night, whereupon Peach replaces one of the computer's magnetic tape data storage reels with a duplicate designed to sabotage Turin's traffic control system on the day of the heist. The next day, as the gold arrives and the crew prepare for the heist, Croker sends Lorna to Geneva to protect her and the plan. At the same time, Peach absconds from the crew, and is later arrested for molesting a woman on a tram.

With the city's closed circuit television traffic monitoring cameras sabotaged and the Turin traffic control system malfunctioning, a massive traffic jam builds up. The crew swiftly ambush the gold convoy outside the Museo Egizio as it is stalled by the traffic jam. Subduing the police and moving the van inside the building, they divide the gold between the boots of three Mini Coopers. Most of the crew then escape the building disguised as football fans, while Croker leads the rest out of the city in the Minis, going over stairs, pedestrian streets, rooftops and sewers. Following a set route designed by Beckermann, the crew escape from Turin with the gold, and rendezvous with a modified coach to collect the Minis before they reach the Alps. Once aboard, the group unload the gold, dispose of the Minis in the Alps, and collect the rest of the crew.

As Bridger celebrates with his fellow prisoners and prison staff, the coach suddenly loses control and teeters over a cliff, with the gold balancing over the edge. Croker soon contemplates how to save the crew and the gold, which is sliding further away down the vehicle, and claims "hang on a minute lad, I've got a great idea."

Cast

Michael Caine as Charlie Croker
Noël Coward as Mr. Bridger
Benny Hill as Professor Simon Peach
Raf Vallone as Altabani
Tony Beckley as Camp Freddie
Rossano Brazzi as Roger Beckerman
Maggie Blye as Lorna
Irene Handl as Miss Peach
John Le Mesurier as the Prison Governor
Fred Emney as Birkinshaw
John Clive as Garage manager
Graham Payn as Keats
Michael Standing as Arthur
Stanley Caine as Coco

Barry Cox as Chris

Harry Baird as Big William

George Innes as Bill Bailey

John Forgeham as Frank

Robert Powell as Yellow

Derek Ware as Rozzer

Frank Jarvis as Roger

David Salamone as Dominic

Richard Essame as Tony

Mario Valgoi as Manzo

Renato Romano(in Italian) as Cosca

Franco Norvelli as Altabani's driver

Robert Rietti as Police chief

Timothy Bateson as Dentist

David Kelly as Vicar

Arnold Diamond as Senior computer room official

Simon Dee as Shirtmaker

Alistair Hunter as Warder

Lana Gatto as Mrs. Cosca

Louis Mansi as Computer room official

Henry McGee as Tailor

Lelia Goldoni as Mrs Beckerman

Valerie Leon as Hotel Receptionist

Parents Guide

Certification

Australia:A (original rating) Australia:PG (1985, re-rating) Canada:PG Canada:G (Quebec) Denmark:15 Finland:K-11 (DVD rating) Finland:K-12 (original rating) France:Tous publics Germany:12 (DVD rating) India:UA (re-rating) India:A (1969, original rating) Ireland:PG (IPE) Ireland:PG (IPE) Ireland:PG (IPE) Ireland:PG (IPE) Italy:T Japan:G Mexico:A Netherlands:AL (original rating) Netherlands:12 (re-rating) New Zealand:PG Norway:15 Norway:16 (cinema version) Portugal:M/12 (DVD imports) Portugal:(Banned) (original rating) Russia:12+ Singapore:PG South Korea:15 Spain:13 Sweden:11 Taiwan:13+ (self-applied) United Kingdom:U United Kingdom:PG (IPE) United Kingdom:PG (IPE) United Kingdom:PG (IPE) United Kingdom:PG (IPE) United Kingdom:U (IPE) original rating) United States:G (mpaa rating: certificate #22025) West Germany:12

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

MPAA Rated PG for rude humour and some action

