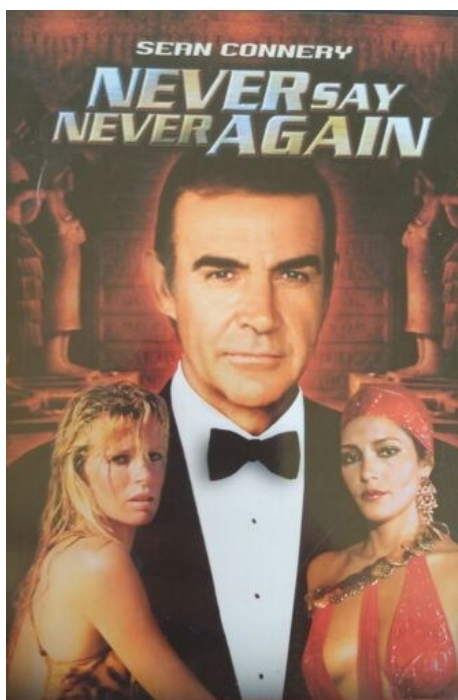


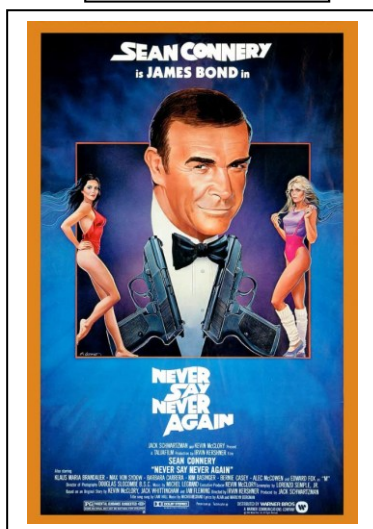
# The Paragon Multimedia DVD, VHS Collection

Title: **Sean Connery 007 — Never Say Never Again**



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## Information

Release **Title:** Never Say Never Again - 007 15th December 1983 (United Kingdom)

Origin: United Kingdom, United States

From:

AKA: James Bond of the Secret Service

Release date: United States – 6<sup>th</sup> October 1983 (Los Angeles, California)

Genres: Action, Adventure, Thriller

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: 12

Duration: 2h 14m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic

Filming locations: Malta

Sound mix: 70mm 6-Track

*Never Say Never Again*



British cinema poster by Renato Casaro

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| Directed by        | Irvin Kershner                                                                                                                          |
| Screenplay by      | Lorenzo Semple Jr.                                                                                                                      |
| Story by           | Kevin McClory<br>Jack Whittingham<br>Ian Fleming                                                                                        |
| Based on           | <i>Thunderball</i><br>by Ian Fleming                                                                                                    |
| Produced by        | Jack Schwartzman                                                                                                                        |
| Starring           | Sean Connery<br>Klaus Maria Brandauer<br>Max von Sydow<br>Barbara Carrera<br>Kim Basinger<br>Bernie Casey<br>Alec McCowen<br>Edward Fox |
| Cinematography     | Douglas Slocombe                                                                                                                        |
| Edited by          | Ian Crafford                                                                                                                            |
| Music by           | Michel Legrand                                                                                                                          |
| Production company | Taliafilm                                                                                                                               |
| Distributed by     | Columbia-EMI-Warner Distributors (UK) <sup>[1]</sup><br>Warner Bros. (International)                                                    |
| Release dates      | 7 October 1983 (U.S.)<br>15 December 1983 (U.K.)                                                                                        |
| Running time       | 134 minutes                                                                                                                             |
| Countries          | United Kingdom<br>United States                                                                                                         |
| Language           | English                                                                                                                                 |
| Budget             | \$36 million                                                                                                                            |
| Box office         | \$160 million <sup>[2]</sup>                                                                                                            |

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 2.39:1

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## Storyline

After MI6 agent James Bond fails a routine training exercise, his superior M orders Bond to a health clinic outside London to get back into shape. While there, Bond witnesses a mysterious nurse named Fatima Blush giving a sadomasochistic beating to a patient in a nearby room. The man's face is bandaged and after Blush finishes her beating, Bond sees the patient using a machine which scans his eye. Bond is spotted by Blush, who sends an assassin named Lippe to kill him in the clinic gym. Bond manages to kill Lippe in a drawn-out fight which destroys a considerable amount of the clinic's furniture and equipment; M is forced to pay for the resulting damages and consequently suspends Bond from active duty.

Blush is an operative of SPECTRE, a criminal organisation run by Ernst Stavro Blofeld; her charge is a heroin-addicted United States Air Force pilot named Jack Petachi. Petachi has undergone an operation on his right eye to make it match the retinal pattern of the US President, which he uses to circumvent iris recognition security at RAF Station Swadley, an American military base in England. While doing so, he replaces the dummy warheads of two AGM-86B cruise missiles with live nuclear warheads; SPECTRE then steals the warheads, intending to extort billions of dollars from NATO governments. Blush murders Petachi by causing his car to crash and explode, covering SPECTRE's tracks.

Foreign Secretary Lord Ambrose orders a reluctant M to reactivate the double-0 section, and Bond is tasked with tracking down the missing weapons. Bond follows a lead to the Bahamas where he finds Domino Petachi, the pilot's sister, and her wealthy lover Maximillian Largo, who is SPECTRE's top agent.

Bond is informed by Nigel Small-Fawcett of the British High Commission that Largo's yacht is now heading for Nice, France. There, Bond joins forces with his French contact Nicole, and his CIA counterpart and friend, Felix Leiter. Bond goes to a health and beauty centre where he poses as an employee and, while giving Domino a massage, is informed by her that Largo is hosting an event at a casino that evening. At the charity event, Largo and Bond play a 3-D video game called Domination; the losing player of each turn receives a series of electric shocks of increasing intensity in proportion to the amount wagered. After losing a few games, Bond ultimately wins, and while dancing with Domino, he informs her that her brother had been killed on Largo's orders. Bond returns to his villa to find Nicole killed by Blush. After a vehicle chase on his Q-branch motorbike, Bond finds himself in an ambush and is eventually captured by Blush. She admits that she is impressed with him, and forces Bond to declare in writing that she is his "Number One" sexual partner. Bond distracts her with promises, then uses his Q-branch-issue fountain pen gun to kill Blush with an explosive dart.

Bond and Leiter attempt to board Largo's motor yacht, the Flying Saucer, in search of the missing nuclear warheads. Bond finds Domino. He attempts to make Largo jealous by kissing Domino in front of a one-way mirror. Largo becomes enraged, traps Bond and takes him and Domino to Palmyra, Largo's base of operations in North Africa. Largo coldly punishes Domino for her betrayal by selling her to some passing Arabs. Bond subsequently escapes from his prison and rescues her.

Domino and Bond reunite with Leiter on a U.S. Navy submarine. After the first warhead is found and defused in Washington, D.C., they track Largo to a location known as the Tears of Allah, below a desert oasis on the Ethiopian coast. Bond and Leiter infiltrate the underground facility and a gun battle erupts between Leiter's team and Largo's men in the temple. In the confusion, Largo makes a getaway with the second warhead. Bond catches and fights Largo underwater. Just as Largo tries to use a spear gun to shoot Bond, he is shot with a spear gun by Domino, taking revenge for her brother's death. Bond then defuses the nuclear bomb underwater, saving the world. Bond retires from duty and returns to the Bahamas with Domino, vowing never again to be a secret agent.

Note: Never Say Never Again is a 1983 spy film directed by Irvin Kershner. The film is based on the 1961 James Bond novel Thunderball by Ian Fleming, which in turn was based on an original story by Kevin McClory, Jack Whittingham, and Fleming. The novel had been previously adapted as the 1965 film of the same name. Never Say

Never Again is the second and most recent James Bond film not to be produced by Eon Productions, the usual producer of the Bond series, but by Jack Schwartzman's Taliafilm, and was distributed by Warner Bros. instead of United Artists. The film was executive produced by Kevin McClory, one of the original writers of the Thunderball storyline. McClory had retained the filming rights of the novel following a long legal battle dating from the 1960s.

Sean Connery played the role of Bond for the seventh and final time, marking his return to the character 12 years after *Diamonds Are Forever*. The film's title is a reference to Connery's reported declaration in 1971 that he would "never" play that role again. As Connery was 52 at the time of filming, the script makes frequent reference to Bond as aging and past his prime; though ironically Connery was three years younger than incumbent Bond Roger Moore. The storyline features Bond being brought back into action to investigate the theft of two nuclear weapons by SPECTRE. Filming locations included France, Spain, the Bahamas and Elstree Studios in the United Kingdom.

Never Say Never Again was released by Warner Bros. on 7 October 1983, and opened to positive reviews, with the acting of Connery and Klaus Maria Brandauer singled out for praise as more emotionally resonant than the typical Bond films of the day. The film grossed \$160 million at the box office, making it a commercial success, though it earned less overall than the Eon-produced *Octopussy*, released earlier the same year.

## Cast

Sean Connery as James Bond, MI6 agent 007.

Klaus Maria Brandauer as Maximillian Largo, a billionaire businessman and SPECTRE Number 1, SPECTRE's senior-most agent. He is based on the character Emilio Largo in *Thunderball*

Max von Sydow as Ernst Stavro Blofeld, the head of SPECTRE.

Barbara Carrera as Fatima Blush; SPECTRE Number 12, assigned to hunt down and kill Bond. She is based on Fiona Volpe in *Thunderball*.

Kim Basinger as Domino Petachi, sister of Jack Petachi and girlfriend/mistress of Maximillian Largo. The surname was changed to Petrescu for the Italian release of the film.

Bernie Casey as Felix Leiter, Bond's CIA contact and friend.

Alec McCowen as "Q" Algy (Algernon), Double-0 section Quartermaster who issues specialised equipment to Bond.

Edward Fox as "M", Bond's superior at MI6.

Pamela Salem as Miss Moneypenny, M's secretary.

Rowan Atkinson as Nigel Small-Fawcett, Foreign Office representative in the Bahamas.

Valerie Leon as Lady in Bahamas, whom Bond seduces.

Milow Kirek as Dr. Kovacs, a nuclear physicist working for SPECTRE.

Pat Roach as Lippe, a SPECTRE assassin who tries to kill Bond at the clinic.

Anthony Sharp as Lord Ambrose, Foreign Secretary who orders M to reactivate the Double-0 section.

Prunella Gee as Nurse Patricia Fearing, a physiotherapist at the clinic.

Gavan O'Herlihy as Captain Jack Petachi, a USAF pilot used by SPECTRE to steal the nuclear missiles, and Domino Petachi's brother.

## Parents Guide

### Certification

Argentina:13 Australia:M Brazil:12 Canada:PG-13 Canada:PA (Manitoba) Canada:A (Nova Scotia) Canada:PG (Ontario) Canada:G (Quebec) Canada:14A (recommended rating) Denmark:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Finland:K-16 Finland:K-15/13 Finland:K-12/9 France:Tous publics Germany:12 (DVD and Blu-ray version, uncut) Greece:K-8 Iceland:12 India:UA Ireland:PG Italy:T Japan:G Mexico:18 Netherlands:12 Norway:15 (DVD and Blu-ray rating) Norway:12 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1983, cinema rating) Poland:12 Portugal:M/12 Singapore:PG South Korea:15 Spain:A Sweden:15 United Kingdom:12 United Kingdom:PG (cut) United States:PG (certificate #27151) West Germany:12 (theatrical and VHS version, cut)

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

MPAA Rated R for strong brutal stylized violence throughout, sexual content, nudity, and brief drug use

