



The Bond Cars

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Zao's Jaguar XKR from Die Another Day (2002). Close up of front grille missiles.

Could you list all the different cars that **James Bond** has driven over the last 50 years? Since 1962 we have been treated to twenty-three movies (official Bond movies, that is), that makes it almost an average of one every two years, but then we all know that James Bond is a busy fellow looking after the interests of Great Britain, while he isn't sipping Martinis, that is.



Aston Martin DBS Quantum of Solace film car, 2007



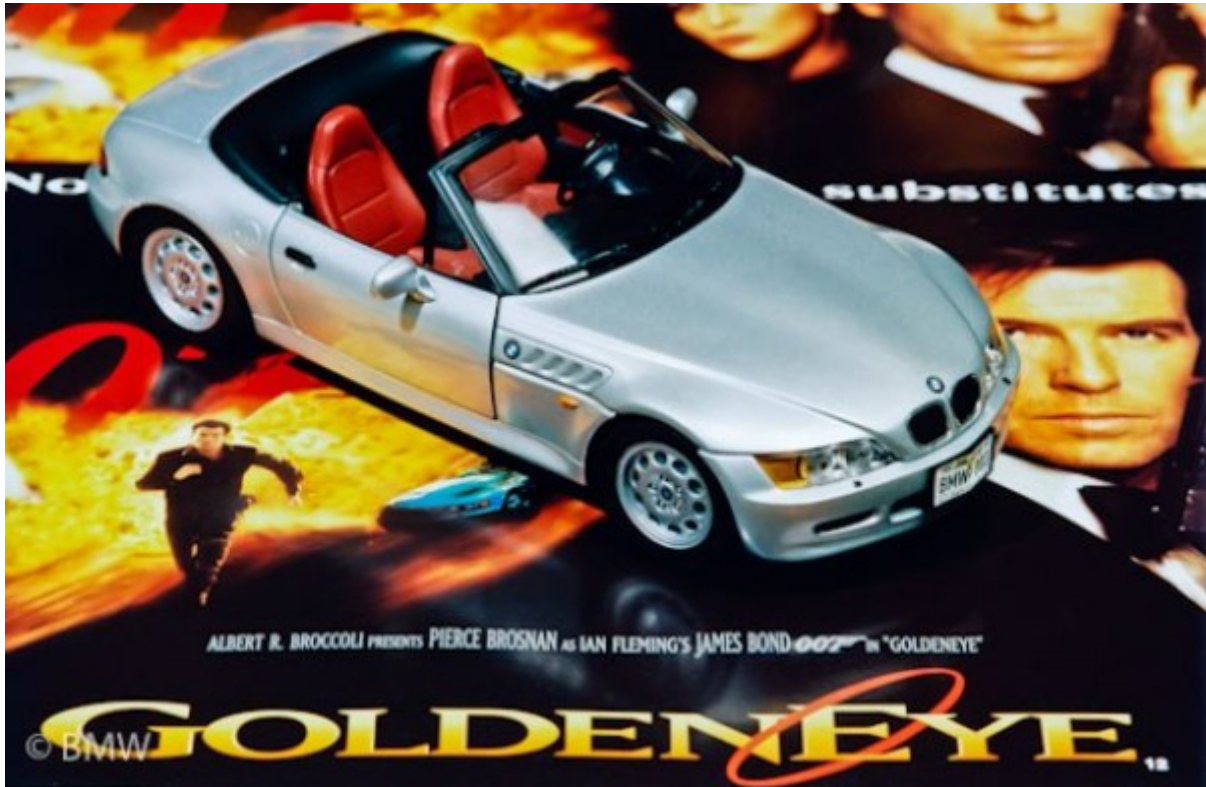
James Bond's Aston Martin DB5 from Goldfinger. Model car by Corgi Toys

It's amazing that spies and villains in the Bond movies, of the female variety, always seem to be the most gorgeous, leggy numbers around, it almost makes you want to join MI6 so that you too can bump into a few of them. And of course, Moneypenny is a bit dishy too, so it can't be a bad life being a spy. Then of course you also have access to all the latest gadgetry, courtesy of Q, who also happens to be in charge of the MI6 fleet of cars which naturally include the latest, fastest supercars on the planet and are usually packed with all manner of extra goodies like mortar launch tubes, rockets, skis, parachutes, containers that deposit oil on the road, bullet-proof shields, machine guns...Bond is truly one dangerous dude.



1984 Lotus Espirit Turbo. This model doesn't appear in the film itself but instead two Essex Turbo Esprits appear in *For Your Eyes Only* (1981)

The luckiest spy on the planet always seems to get the keys to Q's latest set of wheels, which over the years has included a vast array of cars, but the best known of them all is undoubtedly the [Aston Martin](#), and most notably the DB5, which appeared for the first time in the third Bond movie, *Goldfinger*. What the Bond name hasn't done for the Aston Martin brand isn't worth knowing, but then the famous British car has got Bond out of numerous scrapes with villains of all manner and description.



British Secret Service's BMW Z3 from Goldeneye (1995). Equipped with 'Stinger' missiles (never seen or used), deployable parachute and auto-HUD

On her Majesty's Business Bond gets to drive all sorts of memorable cars like the 1961 Sunbeam Alpine that was used in the first Bond movie, *Dr. No*, the submersible Lotus Esprit S1 in *The Spy Who Loved Me*, and of course the (almost) indestructible BMW 750iL in *Tomorrow Never Dies*. Other cars have been 'borrowed' from unsuspecting bystanders along the way such as the Alfa Romeo GTV6 in *Octopussy*, and the BMW R1200 motorcycle in *Tomorrow Never Dies*, as well as many others.



BMW 750iL MY1997 from *Tomorrow Never Dies* (1997). In the film it was loaned to Bond by Q and equipped with missile launchers, caltrops, self-inflating tires, a near-impenetrable body and could be remotely controlled via mobile phone.

Bond's transport has included Alfa Romeos, an AMC Hornet, Jeep Cherokee and Wagoneer, Audi 200 Avant, A6 and A5, various Bentleys, various BMWs, MG, Jaguar, Range Rover, Ford Thunderbird and Mustang, Chevrolet, Mercedes, Lotus, Rolls-Royce, Saab, Citroën, Maserati, and so the list goes on.

Film	James Bond (aka)	Year	Bond's car
<i>Dr. No</i>	Sean Connery	1962	Sunbeam Alpine
<i>From Russia With Love</i>	Sean Connery	1963	Bentley 4½ Sports Tourer
<i>Goldfinger</i>	Sean Connery	1964	Aston Martin DB 5



<i>Thunderball</i>	Sean Connery	1965	Aston Martin DB 5
<i>You Only Live Twice</i>	Sean Connery	1967	Toyota 2000 GT convertible
<i>On Her Majesty's Secret Service</i>	George Lazenby	1969	Aston Martin DBS Vantage
<i>Diamonds Are Forever</i>	Sean Connery	1971	Aston Martin DBS
<i>Live and Let Die</i>	Roger Moore	1973	Coronado, various
<i>The Man with the Golden Gun</i>	Roger Moore	1974	AMC Hornet
<i>The Spy Who Loved Me</i>	Roger Moore	1977	Lotus Esprit
<i>Moonraker</i>	Roger Moore	1979	MP Roadster
<i>For Your Eyes Only</i>	Roger Moore	1981	Lotus Esprit Turbo
<i>Octopussy</i>	Roger Moore	1983	Alfa Romeo GTV & Mercedes 250 SE
<i>A View to a Kill</i>	Roger Moore	1985	Renault 11 taxi
<i>The Living Daylights</i>	Timothy Dalton	1987	Aston Martin DBS V8 Volante
<i>Licence to Kill</i>	Timothy Dalton	1989	Trucks, various
<i>Golden Eye</i>	Pierce Brosnan	1995	BMW Z3 roadster & Aston Martin DB
<i>Tomorrow Never Dies</i>	Pierce Brosnan	1997	BMW 750iL
<i>The World is Not Enough</i>	Pierce Brosnan	1999	BMW Z8



<i>Die Another Day</i>	Pierce Brosnan	2002	Aston Martin V12 Vanquish
<i>Casino Royale</i>	Daniel Craig	2006	Aston Martin DBS V12
<i>Quantum of Solace</i>	Daniel Craig	2008	Aston Martin DBS V12
<i>Skyfall</i>	Daniel Craig	2012	Aston Martin DB5

In the latest Bond movie, *Skyfall*, Honda contributed twenty five CRF250R motorcycles for various stunts, twenty of the bikes being modified for the filming of various special scenes which took place in Istanbul and Adana, Turkey, earlier this year. Two motorcycles in particular were modified to look quite different from the others, these being the 'Police' and 'Street Merchant' bikes, but they were in fact all the same machines.



Ford Thunderbird MY2002 owned by Giacinta "Jinx" Johnson in Die Another Day



(2002). Taken at Birmingham Motor Show 2002

Lets hope that James Bond continues to criss-cross the globe in his efforts to keep the borders of Great Britain safe and secure for the next fifty years, just as he has done over the last five decades.



Zao's Jaguar XKR from Die Another Day (2002). Equipped with front grille missiles, door panel missiles, rear mounted gattling gun and boot mounted mortars.

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