Making in film branding into an art

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The Brands In Spectre — 007 Product Placement in James Bond's 24th Film

What if we told you that after all the hoopla *Spectre* has less product placement than any James Bond film in the last 15 years?

Remember all the uproar over the "Made for Bond" Sony smartphones; the "Bond drinks Heineken and Belvedere vodka and Bollinger" brouhaha; the Aston Martin and Land Rover cars, the Tom Ford suits and other 007-ready brands? No less than The Beeb asked "Does Bond's product placement go too far," noting a few "shudder-worthy" examples and wondering, ominously, "Could it happen again in Spectre?" After all that fuss over product placement in Spectre, the movie visibly features fewer brands on-screen than Die Another Day, yet impressively manages to destroy \$48 million worth of cars.

Below, a list of the brands that are visible (or audible) in *Spectre*, the second-most expensive movie of all time, which <u>dominated</u> the box office its opening weekend with \$73 million in ticket sales, the second-highest for a Bond movie opening —

Aston Martin designed Bond's *Spectre* DB10 car:



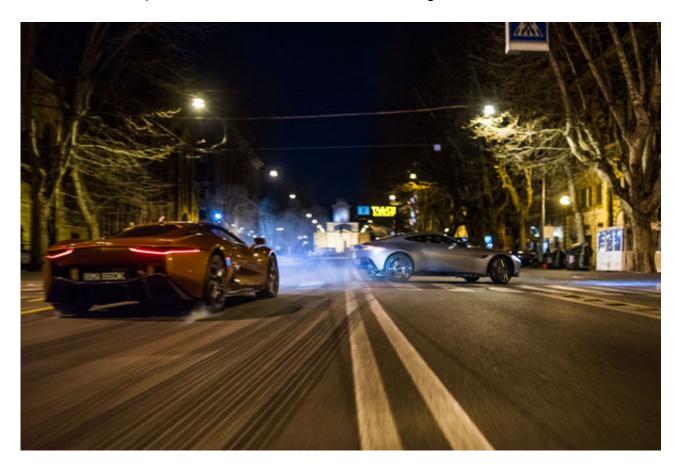
Belvedere vodka is stirred, not shaken, in Bond's <u>martini</u> (also visible in the Tangier hotel bar scene).



Bollinger has now been featured in 15 Bond movies.

https://twitter.com/BollingerUK/status/658592164813914112

A **Fiat** 500 interrupts the car chase scene that tears through the streets of Rome.



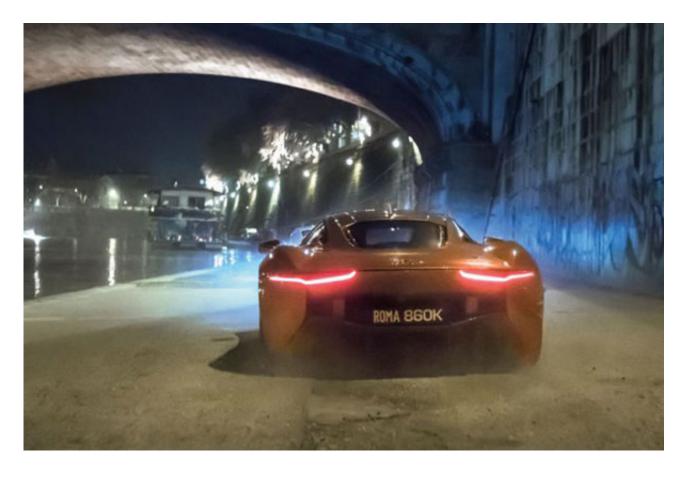
Globe-Trotter is 007's preferred <u>luggage</u> <u>brand</u> in the film.



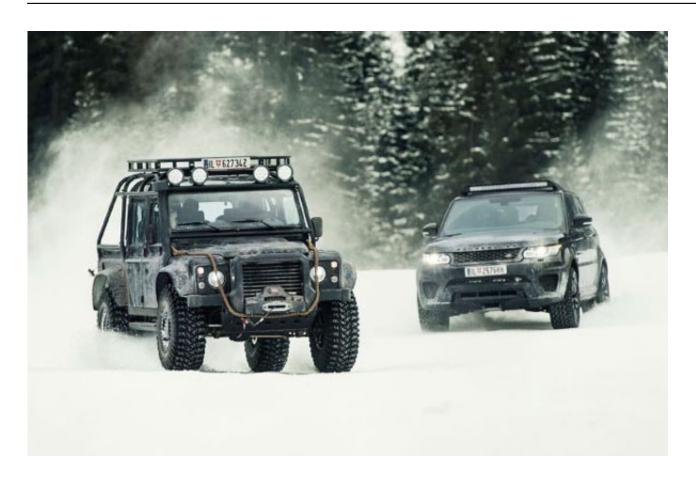
Heineken — following on *Skyfall*'s landmark deal with the beer, a bottle can be spotted in the hotel room at Hotel L'Americain in Tangier, Morocco. (The related TV commercial, below):

https://twitter.com/Heineken_US/status/655061872798883840

Jaguar's <u>C-X75</u> concept (worth more than \$1 million) is driven by villain Mr. Hinx in the Rome chase.



Land Rover Defender (seen with sibling Range Rover Sport SVR in the Austrian action scene)



The Macallan: A bottle of 18-year whiskey can be glimpsed (screen-shot via Rob Thompson) on the table in Bond's apartment when Naomie Harris (as the new Moneypenney) pops by for a visit.



Mercedes-Benz is spotted at Monica Bellucci's mansion, while <u>G-Wagons</u> patrol the villain Oberhauser's (Christopher Waltz) desert base. (Production image below via <u>Beyond James Bond</u>.)



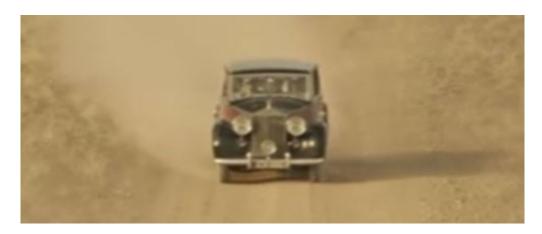
N.Peal's charcoal grey <u>cashmere sweater</u> is worn by Craig in the movie and its poster.



Omega's <u>Seamaster 300</u>, one of two of the brand's timepieces in *Spectre*, can be yours for \$7,500.



Rolls-Royce 1948 Silver Wraith picks up Bond in the desert, recalling the brand's role in <u>Goldfinger</u>.



Sony's Xperia Z5 <u>smartphone</u> is in Bond's pocket while a Sony LED TV set can be spotted in a scene. (Sony is also the studio behind the movie.)

https://twitter.com/SonyXperiaMY/status/662849479347802113

Tom Ford (007's snappy <u>suits</u>, <u>eveningwear</u>, shirts, knitwear, ties, accessories and the <u>Snowdon</u> and Henry sunglasses, although Vuarnet brand of sunglasses shields 007's eyes from the snow.)



Vuarnet made the \$600 shades that Bond wears in the Alps.



Other brands that can be spotted in *Spectre*: media brands **CNN**, *The Guardian*, *The Times*; gun brands **SIG-Sauer** (Bond gives a SIG-Sauer P226R to Madeleine) and **Walther** (Bond still carries a PPK, despite <u>rumors</u> he was dumping the brand); aircraft (**MBB**'s Bo105 helicopter flies, spectacularly, upside-down, while a **Britten-Norman** BN-2 Defender airplane and an **Aérospatiale** SA 365 N2 Dauphin 2 can also be seen); two university brands in **Oxford** and the**Sorbonne** in Paris; pricey **Château Angélus** Premier Grand Cru Classé Saint-Émilion wine is imbibed on the Moroccan train (on the table, below); and there's a nod to the not-for-profit medical relief organization **Médecins Sans Frontières** (aka Doctors Without Borders).





Below, how some of the official partners and brands of *Spectre* are playing up their tie-in with the film with 007-approved marketing campaigns —

Aston Martin's "Built For Bond" DB10 video:

https://youtu.be/oSJ8ryVIM8A

Belvedere is promoting its deal as the <u>official</u> "Shaken, not stirred" martini vodka in the film with two limited edition <u>007-branded</u>vodkas and <u>cocktail recipes</u> on its website, in addition to a TV <u>commercial</u> starring *Spectre* Bond Girl Stephanie Sigman:

https://twitter.com/belvederevodka/status/663447908839202816

https://youtu.be/AgxNVIK9elo

Bollinger is releasing a limited edition Spectre 007 crystal set.



https://youtu.be/4zRCcxfGIOc

Heineken's "The Chase" ad (below) stars Craig; there's a *Spectre*bottle; and event marketing includes #SPIFYE space selfies in a partnership that dates back to 1997's *Tomorrow Never Dies*:

https://youtu.be/vuMvhJaWIUg

https://twitter.com/xeniatchoumi/status/663064657263882240

Jaguar explains its C-X75's role in the Roman car chase scene:

https://youtu.be/3wHpW-IE3vE

Land Rover touts its Defender (and its sibling Range Rover) roles in the film:

https://youtu.be/vS_gPp9E8c0

Jaguar highlights its very sexy C-X75:

https://youtu.be/_6DfuWB2dWU

Omega's "It tells the time" Seamaster 300 Spectre special edition watch:

https://youtu.be/v9oqiFuilq8

Sony promotes its presence in the film with a "Made for Bond" ad campaign starring Naomie Harris as Miss Moneypenny, seen "delivering brand new technologies that have been Made for Bond. Set against a backdrop of London's iconic Southbank, Moneypenny uses Sony's RX100 IV camera to capture super slow motion surveillance of the bad guys, before a chase unfolds as she tries to deliver Bond's Xperia smartphone."

https://youtu.be/4T2g9tHZUbY

Tom Ford is selling Craig's extensive *Spectre* menswear <u>collection</u> and <u>promoting</u> it on Facebook:



Visit Britain, back as a 007 <u>marketing partner</u>, is promoting *Spectre*with a print, <u>digital</u> and video campaign inviting tourists to "Live the Bond lifestyle" because "Bond is GREAT Britain."



https://youtu.be/fdvm0ZzLqg4

For more, check out Hollywood Branded's graphic for a look at "<u>The Definitive Timeline of Product Placement in James Bond Films</u>" and watch this video of the supercars of *Spectre* in action:

https://youtu.be/5BhuxLVMj4U

Still can't get enough Bond branding?

For an excruciating breakdown of every product that producers may have even thought about

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putting onscreen in *Spectre*—including who made <u>THAT dress</u> worn by Madeleine Swann (played by Léa Seydoux) in the movie (it's by Ghost and <u>available</u> at John Lewis)—check out the James Bond Lifestyle website's "<u>Ultimate Guide to Spectre Products and Locations</u>."

Fear not that the deluge of brands in *Spectre* (and the impending departure of Craig) will see a decline in the practice—Bond product placement *will* continue, as the producers aren't shy about courting brands to help pay for its stunts, settings and stars. With a <u>commitment</u>to "real stunts, real action, real explosions" *Spectre* just <u>received</u> a Guinness World Records nod for pulling off the biggest stunt film explosion ever.

https://youtu.be/AdtSdVop6V0

Indeed, the Bond brand is stronger than ever, and The London School of Marketing has assessed its value as worth just shy of \$20 billion.

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