LEAD SHEET FOR TUESDAY CALL about ICONIC BOND WATCHES

Let's focus on the most interesting Bond watches to date, and if we have time, we could also discuss what Bond needs in a watch - toughness, water-resistance, shock-resistance and elegance and how props need to match the character in general.

**THUNDERBALL**

**1965 Breitling watch**

Points of interest:

* Found in Car Boot Sale and sold for 25 GBP [Daily Mail](https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2327451/James-Bonds-Breitling-geiger-counter-wristwatch-Thunderball-sold-60-000-bought-25-car-boot-sale.html)
* Sold at [Christies](https://www.christies.com/lotfinder/memorabilia/thunderball-1965-5697283-details.aspx?from=searchresults&intObjectID=5697283) for 103,875 GBP
* The art department on *Thunderball* worked with the **Valley Tool Company** to create the bespoke underwater ‘Geiger counter’ case, which features a glazed bezel for the **original Breitling** timepiece.
* Only one was created for the film, making this particular custom timepiece totally unique. According to Christie’s, the **Breitling Top Time** was the only watch Connery wore as James Bond other than a Rolex Submariner.
* Breitling Reissued the Top Time with 2,000 limited run in March of this year. As seen in an Esquire article [here](https://www.esquire.com/uk/style/watches/a31946231/breitling-top-time-watch-james-bond-thunderball/).
* Rotary do decent-ish alternatives for 75 GBP on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Rotary-Chronograph-GS00100-04-KIT/dp/B01G9EQPFO/ref%3Dsr_1_1?dchild=1&imprToken=Pblwn1OEq4.5eaiF6fXRmA&keywords=rotary+pilot&linkCode=g13&linkId=900300a7ad5986d24b069597f6e0aba8&qid=1590643339&quartzVehicle=1380-808&replacementKeywords=rotary&sr=8-1).

**Thoughts**, the original is muscular with the square chunky bezel. I doubt a modern Bond would find that elegant, even in a retro way. Strange they only made one appearance Breitling.

**LIVE AND LET DIE**

**A 1972 Submariner Rolex ref 5513.**

Points of interest:

* Original had the working saw bezel with compressed air. This was adapted for screen by [Syd Cain](https://www.phillips.com/detail/rolex/CH080515/290?fromSearch=live%20and%20let%20die%20&searchPage=1) art director. He had an interesting life, survived a plane crash and a lightning strike.
* Original is in a [Swedish collection](http://www.007museum.com/watches_of_james_bond.htm) and was bought for 365, 000 CHF

**Thoughts**: This is my favourite, the most iconic watch and interesting watch to date.

**THE SPY WHO LOVED ME**

**1977 Seiko 0674 LC**

East meets West with a bang in *The Spy Who Loved Me*, in which sparks fly between Bond and Major Anya Amasova. A Rolex GMT Master assures precise timekeeping, while a [**Seiko**](https://www.watchtime.com/tag/seiko/) 0674 LC functions as a pager: **a label-making printer** inside the watch ejects strips of paper bearing important messages from the office spymaster M. Seiko

* The original can be found on this collectors [site](https://www.007collector.com/seiko-the-spy-who-loved-me/#comment-47980).
* You can buy it on [eBay](https://www.ebay.com/itm/VINTAGE-SEIKO-DIGITAL-1978-WRISTWATCH-Gold-A128-5009-CHRONOGRAPH-LC-JAMES-BOND/223690816391?hash=item341502fb87:g:vV0AAOSwTe1dlWQV) for 149 bucks. Although a closer look its not the right one. Maybe talk about cheap alternatives and how you can build a collection on a modest budget.
* Would you be able to touch upon the Quartz crisis? The introduction of Seiko really was a shift in the Bond franchise away from Swiss movement, but was this also happening in the real world? Were people more intent on having digital watches?

**Thoughts:** Iconic, but a very dated looking watch. I guess this would be classed as retro now?

**OCTOPUSSY**

**1983 Seiko TV Watch**

The risqué name of the next Bond film, *Octopussy*, caused a furore in England. In it, Moore’s Bond, with a Seiko TV Watch on his wrist, turns his attention to a young lady who works as one of Q’s assistants./

Points of interest:

* I love this old YouTube advert [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tIAPwyVuXI). I'll play it in the episode.
* The *Guinness Book of Records* calls the Seiko TV Watch in its 1984 edition the “smallest TV set in the world”.
* The Seiko TV Watch is **highly coveted electronic collectible** in the US and in Japan. Well-maintained models in the original packaging sell for upwards of $1,000 and unopened containers of the rarer first model can sell for more than $2,000.

**Thoughts**: I still love this watch and this scene. But how sexist does this make me on a scale of 1-10?

**SPECTRE**

The Omega Seamaster 300, with Master Chronometer movement.

Points of interest:

* This vintage looking watch was given a great military look for the movie, with a specific 12h bezel, a lollipop second hand, large patinated indexes and a 5-stripe NATO strap, reminiscent of those used by RAF.
* **The first gadget watch** in the Craig tenure. An article can be found here on the history of [Omega Seamaster's](https://monochrome-watches.com/retrospective-omega-seamaster-james-bond-007-history/) in the Bond franchise.
* Can a bomb really fit in a watch?

**Thoughts**: I don't know if this is a truly iconic watch from the Bond franchise, but I feel like we should cover a modern watch from the Craig tenure. Is it hard to come up with believable gadgets for Bond and watches in a modern tech era?

Other COMMENTS from this [blog](https://www.watchtime.com/featured/watches-james-bond/) I thought could be interesting.

* No 7A28 from A View to a Kill? The most sophisticated watch in this whole list? Shame on you!
* I’m noticing there’s fake photos from the Casino Royale movie, featuring Bond wearing a CASIO watch, called Casio Royale. Sold on Ebay and other places. BS of course, but it seems people buy it.
* Ss bond comes from good , naval stock, will we see him wearing a g shock , most S/forces do now???