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Land Rover video teases New Defender in soon-to-release Bond flick

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Stunt driver Jess Hawkins at work during the filming of "No Time to Die," the 25th official James Bond movie. Image courtesy of Land Rover

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Land Rover has a new teaser video out that puts its New Defender car on the set of "No Time to Die," the 25th official James Bond movie from EON Productions that will hit theaters in April.

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The footage captured during filming of the upcoming movie offers a behind-the-scenes view of stunt coordinator Lee Morrison and stunt driver Jess Hawkins at work.

"*No Time To Die* is a brilliant way to showcase the New Defender's capabilities in the latest jaw-dropping James Bond car chase," said Richard Agnew, global communications director of Land Rover, in a statement.

"It's been hugely exciting to continue our relationship with EON Productions and work with their teams to deliver a spectacular sequence," he said.

Star turn

Starring Daniel Craig in his fifth outing as Bond, *No Time To Die* is the first movie to feature the New Defender. It is the latest Land Rover vehicle to star in a James Bond car chase sequence.



Land Rover Defender in chase scene from James Bond movie, "No Time to Die." Image courtesy of Land Rover

Land Rover, Britain's leading automaker, has partnered with EON Productions on the Bond films since 1983 when a Range Rover Convertible appeared in *Octopussy*.

Alongside the **Defenders**, *No Time To Die* also features the Range Rover Sport SVR, Series III Land Rover and Range Rover Classic.

Land Rover's design team worked closely with special effects and action vehicles supervisor Chris Corbould on the specification of the Defenders in the film.



The new Defender is positioned as a rugged workhorse, although, like its more upscale siblings, the most uneven road it will likely see is the speed bump. Image courtesy of Land Rover

BASED ON the Defender X model in Santorini Black, with darkened skid pans, 20-inch dark finish wheels and professional off-road tires, they were the first Defenders to be built at Jaguar Land Rover's new production facility in Nitra, Slovakia.

"Designing and coordinating the action sequences for the Bond franchise requires a non-compromising mindset," said Lee Morrison, James Bond stunt coordinator, in a statement.

"We needed an unstoppable vehicle to help us battle against the elements, steep descents and river crossings so we chose the new Defender," he said.

New Land Rover Defender in "No Time to Die"