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Porsche Taycan Turbo stars in action-packed ‘Den of Thieves 2: Pantera’

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Actor O'Shea Jackson Jr. poses with one of the film's Taycan Turbo stunt cars. Image credit: Rico Torres for Lionsgate

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German automaker **Porsche** is ready for the big screen.

The company's Taycan Turbo has secured its palace in cinematic history as the first all-electric vehicle to feature prominently in a major action film's car chase scenes. The electric car stars alongside American actor O'Shea Jackson Jr. and Scottish actor and producer Gerard Butler in "Den of Thieves 2: Pantera," in cinemas starting Jan. 10.

"It had to be credible that the thieves could get in and out of the heavily secured diamond exchange without anyone noticing they were even there," said Christian Gudegast, writer and director of the film, in a statement.

"We needed a car that is super-fast, agile, and quiet, at the same time," Mr. Gudegast said. "That's only possible with an electric sports car."

The perfect escape car

'Den of Thieves 2: Pantera,' follows Mr. Butler and Mr. Jackson as they reprise their roles as Big Nick and Donnie Wilson in the Den of Thieves franchise. As the duo find themselves embroiled in the dark side of the diamond industry, the importance of a fast and reliable getaway car was tantamount to the film's success.

The Taycan Turbo was selected for its powerful acceleration capabilities; the vehicle can go from 0 to 62 mph in just 2.8 seconds.

Porsche collaborated with the production team to modify five Taycan Turbo development models to meet the film's demanding stunts. These modifications included adjustments to the anti-lock braking system and Porsche Active Suspension Management, as well as the development of special driving modes for high-speed reverse maneuvers.



The creation of a pod car allowed a stunt driver to drive the vehicle while the actors performed inside. Image credit: Rico Torres for Lionsgate

In addition, the creation of a “pod car” allowed a stunt driver to control the vehicle from a rig mounted atop the car while the actors performed inside.

The pod required Porsche technicians to reroute more than 70 wires and relocate the instrument cluster and drive controls to the roof. This setup enabled the Taycan Turbo to execute high-speed stunts with remarkable precision while keeping the actors safe.

In Dec. 2024, the automaker merged with another world, golf, at an exclusive event in Dubai ([see story](#)).

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