

1: James Bond: (Victory Games) | The Black Campbell

The Q Manual provides players with the weapons and equipment used in the James Bond movie series, plus many additional items that may be employed during the course of a mission. Simple mechanics allow these items to be easily incorporated into the James Bond Role Playing Game.

Rights to that entity belonged neither to Danjaq nor Glidrose, so Victory invented an entirely new organization: Headed by Karl Ferenc Skorprios, this organization uses blackmail, terror attacks, assassination, robbery and extortion to build a shadow empire, with former carny and knife-thrower Skorprios at its head. Sourcebooks and adventures followed rapidly, even sequels. Want the latest gadgets? Pick up the Q Manual, complete with a list of every toy, car or weapon Bond ever used, up to Having GPS in your car was technological wizardry in, when Goldfinger came out; now the toys in the Q Manual seem almost quaint. There are other good things in store. These days that tends to mean even a cash-strapped indie with a following of a few hundred devoted souls can last forever, but this was Bond. It was pretty much the only spy game anyone played, in the s. Then, in, it was gone. For its part, Danjaq says Avalon Hill was the one to pull the plug. Danjaq thought everything was going great. The folks at Victory were working on the latest scenario, Diamonds are Forever, when the rights lapsed. It was also pretty much the end of Victory Games. Should you seek this out? Mechanically the game holds up well, and can be understood quickly even by novice gamers, making it a good fit for most groups. If all you want is a knockabout spy game, the Basic rulebook is really all you need. Those are staying on my shelf. They still have a use. Dreaming of being Bond.

2: GROGNARDIA: Retrospective: James Bond

This is an essential book for anyone playing the old James Bond RPG. Whether you use it as a primary source or as a stepping stone to expanding the list of weapons, vehicles, modifications, and gadgets, the Q Manual is foundational.

Setting[edit] The game is set in the world of the James Bond books and movies. The characters take the role of secret agents, either James Bond himself or his allies, other agents of MI6, the British Secret Intelligence Service, or allied agencies usually the American CIA, and thwart plots of world domination from foreign dictators, megalomaniacal mad scientists, and arch-criminals. Unlike many role-playing games, where the player characters are, or at least start, relatively unimportant to the universe, and much less powerful than the non-player characters, the James Bond setting is much more centered on the player characters. The PCs are usually more competent than the NPCs, better outfitted with gadgets from Q branch, have more Hero Points see System, below to perform cinematic feats, and in general have a lot of influence on their surroundings. Following the setting, the game is focused on just a few leading roles, not large groups, and is intended to play well with just one gamemaster and as few as one player. For instance, in the module for Live and Let Die, the players learn that Mr. Big and Doctor Kanaga are definitely two separate people rather than Kanaga playing the New York gangster in disguise. In addition, the module for You Only Live Twice is largely rewritten to change the outdated space hijacking scheme to a plot to investigate the crash of a Soviet space station that crashes near Japan and deal with the reported bioweapons being researched on board. The characters from the Bond universe, including Bond himself, his allies and enemies, Anya Amasova, Jaws, Goldfinger, etc.

System[edit] The system requires 6 and sided dice. Most rolls are made with percentile dice against a Success Chance abbreviated SC, on a table to get a quality rating. Rolling low is good. A roll of over the SC is a failure, always fails, under the SC but over approximately half the SC is a Quality 4, Acceptable success, between approximately a fourth and half the SC is a Quality 3, Good success, and lower rolls still can get Quality 2, Very Good, or even Quality 1, Excellent ratings. The quality rating directly influences the result, so, for example, rather than rolling once to hit, and once to damage with weapons, as in most RPGs, the quality rating of the result determines the damage. The Primary Chance of most actions is a combination of a characteristic plus skill levels in a specific skill. Characters have five characteristics, Strength, Dexterity, Willpower, Perception, and Intelligence, ranging from 5 to 15, and bought at creation time with Generation Points. Remaining Generation Points are used to buy skill levels, and the physical aspects of height, weight and appearance attractiveness. All player characters begin with skill levels in Connoisseur, First Aid, and Photography. Experience Points, awarded at the end of missions, are spent similarly to Generation Points, with restrictions on gaining new skills or modifying characteristics. They can also be spent on equipment requisitioned from Q branch.

Action Rounds[edit] The inevitable combat and chase sequences in the James Bond theme are handled by Action Rounds, representing 30 seconds of time. All characters involved in a chase or combat declare their actions in reverse order of Speed, based on the sum of Perception and Dexterity, then executed in order of speed, giving faster characters the advantages of knowing what slower characters are going to do, and being able to take their action earlier. Speed also affects how many attacks a character may make in a round. Chases add a bidding step; fleeing and pursuing sides bid by lowering the Ease Factor of the chase maneuver, with the winning bidder getting to choose whether to try to close or widen the gap first or last, but all sides then having to make a roll at the resulting Ease Factor.

Hero Points[edit] Hero Points allow characters to perform the unlikely or cinematic stunts from the genre. Characters earn a Hero Point every time they get a Quality 1 result on a skill other than combat, also when the GM chooses to award one for a clever or dramatic action. A Hero Point may be spent to change the Quality Rating of any result by one level, whether for or against the character, also to change the environment, such as having something just show up by coincidence - the more fantastic, the more expensive in terms of Hero Points. A similar but more restricted system of "Survival Points" applies to villainous characters, but these may only be spent to reduce the impact of or prevent entirely actions taken against them by the characters, never as an offensive tool. Also, villains do not gain survival points through their successes in an adventure.

History[edit] The game was considered

successful, selling almost , copies and quickly taking over the status of most popular espionage role-playing game from Top Secret. It was also well supported with supplements by Victory Games. But Avalon Hill had trouble renewing the license from Danjaq in , with each side blaming the other for unwillingness to continue, and the game ceased publication. Publications in the James Bond line included: Main rules[edit] James Bond A few were written as sequels to earlier adventures based on specific movies.

3: - Q Manual (James Bond role playing game) by Greg Gorden

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It was one of the few original espionage RPGs published from to and seemed to capture the feel of the films with a great deal of success. The rules were solidly built around a d percentile system. There were five supplements for the game: Q Manual October - A sourcebook detailing required equipment for a "00" agent. All the action takes place in the minds of the players, with dice being used to resolve any actions and conflicts. One person presides over the game as a referee, and guides the players through play sessions, or "adventures. Dungeons and Dragons -- easily the most popular role-playing game of all time -- had been formally released several years earlier and the newly-formed Victory Games elected to pursue a role-playing title as their first official release. It was obvious that a game based on a recognizable character stood the best chance of surviving in the then-turbulent marketplace. Thousands of faithful Bond fans dictated a need to deliver a product that was true to thirty years of character development. My function was to adapt the world of James Bond to a role-playing system, expand on it where necessary and make sure that the flavor stayed true to the character. The literary Bond and the cinematic Bond are quite different, and the question of which conception the game would emulate was critical. Kern explains, "We wanted to capture the grittiness of the books and the glitz of the films. It was hard trying to take the best of the fantastical stuff, without taking the worst of it. I would read the books, and come upon an incident and it would strike me that this moment had to be in the game. I would attempt to design the system to handle that moment, and when I was confident that the system could handle it, I would continue to read. Ultimately the game was licensed through two entities: Approvals, which were sometimes excruciatingly long, had to be obtained from both companies before any work could proceed. But for the most part, their suggestions were very helpful. Following an explanation of how the adventure supplement would be organized, a representative from EON inquired "So, why does the adventure have to be any different from the movie? In fact, creating adventures for fans who had already seen the films proved to be something of a challenge as well. Two original adventures were also written as sequels to films: And thus if we changed three of four things at the beginning, we might be able to keep the rest of it very similar, but the player is still doubting that this is the case because we already changed something. Included in the page basic rulebook are rules common to most role-playing games -- fire combat, hand-to-hand combat, experience points, etc. Amid these, however, one also finds numerous devices that would look out of place in any other game but are right at home in the context of Players can employ rules covering gambling six pages with different rules for each game , chases in vehicles or on foot, the effects of fame on how easily one is recognized, and a section on seduction complete with five stages of increasing difficulty: Conspicuous by his absence is perhaps the most famous of villains, Ernst Stavro Blofeld. Presentation for the game and the subsequent supplements is exceptionally high. Artwork is abundant, both black-and-white pencil images and full-color covers for the different books and adventures. In fact, you could buy several adventures for the cover art alone and be quite satisfied. Supplements such as "Thrilling Locations" and the "Q Manual" also have photographs of different real-life locations and vehicles being being described, as well as a few stills from the various films. Background information and details are provided for everything from a lowly Honda Accord which may change lanes in front of Bond during a chase "the Accord is powered by c, 75 bhp engine Some details are so obscure as to seem extraneous, but the level of detail is still to be admired. After more than a year of design and testing, "James Bond Commercial release quickly followed and the basic set hit hobby store shelves in September of that year. The game was a success from the start. While the role-playing market as a whole was quite competitive, espionage games were just being pioneered in The basic rules won the prestigious H. Wells Award the next year. Additionally it was one of four role-playing games named to the Games Magazine Top list for , and again in Critical acclaim continues to this day. Lawrence Schick, author of "Heroic Worlds: In the years after its release, the game sold almost , copies and spawned several additional adventures and supplements. Required materials for any hard-core fan included the exotic casino, hotel and

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restaurant descriptions of "Thrilling Locations"; the page description of SMERSH included in the "Villains" supplement; and the weapon, vehicle, and gadget lists of the "Q Manual" because what secret agent could ever do without a "Seismic Intrusion Detector"? Nevertheless, the credits would begin to roll in , four short years after the game debuted. Despite financial success, critical acclaim, and a broad fan base, Danjaq and Avalon Hill failed to come to terms in negotiations to renew the license. As a result, the project was terminated, and no new supplements were authorized. Avalon Hill retained the right to sell its remaining inventory. The designers believe that Danjaq wanted to re-negotiate the contract for a larger royalty share. According to John Parkinson, Vice-President of Marketing, "it was really they Avalon who decided it would finish, not us. It was one of our most successful licenses. Avalon Hill President Jack Dott seems to agree. He stated that Avalon Hill would certainly consider bringing the game back "if the opportunity presented itself. Kern seems to think so anyway:

4: Victory Games James Bond Is For All Tabletop Action Heroes | The Gauntlet | The Escapist

James Bond Role-Playing In Her Majesty's Secret Service is a spy fiction role-playing game based on the James Bond books and films. The game was designed by Gerard Christopher Klug and published by Victory Games (a branch of Avalon Hill).

5: James Bond Role Playing Games for sale | eBay

James Bond RPG This is a page about Victory Games' "James Bond " Role-playing Game, by Gerard Christopher Klug. It was released in and supported for many years, but went out of print by the 90's.

6: The Safe House: James Bond

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James Bond: (Victory Games) This was a major break from the d20 games being produced by TSR in JB gave us game mechanics that took into account the quality results " that a good role would improve the outcome of a skill test or damage committed to a victim by a person or weapon.

8: Popular James Bond Rpg Books

The fate of secret agent James Bond tumbled into the hands of thousands of game fans in with the release of the "James Bond Role-Playing Game."

9: Q (James Bond) - Wikipedia

Personally, I don't have the physical book for this system, but I do have the Q Manual for the game, and have spent many a happy hour just marveling at the gadgets. [permalink embed.](#)

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