

PROMETHEUS



Release: 2012  
Dir: Ridley Scott  
Rotten Tomatoes: 72%  
Global box office: \$403.4m

Set 30 years before events of original **Alien** movie, scientist **Elizabeth Shaw** (*Noomi Rapace*) discovers remains of archaeological star map on Earth. It points to same region of space first seen in *Alien*. She joins crew of **"Prometheus"**, including synthetic human **David** (*Michael Fassbender*), and journeys to planet **LV-223**, in search of origins of humanity. Instead, she finds remains of ancient race who were developing biological weapons that could cause extinction of human race

ALIEN: COVENANT



Release: May 12, 2017 (UK)  
Dir: Ridley Scott

Bound for remote planet on far side of galaxy, crew of colony ship **"Covenant"** find what they believe to be uncharted paradise. It soon reveals itself to be dark and dangerous world inhabited by synthetic **David**

New instalment



Filmed in Sydney, Australia, movie stars **Katherine Waterston** (*left*) as terraforming expert **Daniels**, who together with crew of *Covenant*, must face terrifying **Xenomorph** aliens from previous movies, plus all new **Neomorph** creature



Alien movies chronology

*Alien: Covenant*, the sixth movie in the hugely successful *Alien* canon, sees original director **Ridley Scott**, take the series back to its horror film roots. Here's what's happened so far in the almost 40-year-old billion dollar franchise

**Kane** (*John Hurt*) becoming a little too familiar with alien eggs in *Alien* (1979)



ALIEN (original movie)



Release: 1979  
Dir: Ridley Scott  
Rotten Tomatoes: 97%  
Global box office: \$104.9m

U.S. commercial starship **"Nostromo"** is diverted to desolate planetoid after receiving distress signal from derelict alien spacecraft. While exploring alien ship, crewman **Kane** (*John Hurt*) finds chamber full of eggs, one of which releases alien creature that attaches to his face, rendering him unconscious. Parasite soon dies and Kane awakens, seemingly fine. Soon afterwards, alien organism bursts from his chest and grows rapidly into terrifying 2.5m-tall creature that begins killing helpless crew one-by-one, until only **Ellen Ripley** (*Sigourney Weaver*) remains

ALIENS



Release: 1986  
Dir: James Cameron  
Rotten Tomatoes: 98%  
Global box office: \$131.1m

After 57 years in hyper-sleep, sole survivor of *Nostromo*, Ripley, awakens aboard Earth space station. Her story of alien monster that killed her crew is disbelieved, until contact is lost with planetoid (from original movie, known as **LV-426**) now home to terraforming human colony. Ripley, against her better judgement, accompanies squad of Colonial Marines, including **Corporal Dwayne Hicks** (*Michael Biehn*), aboard spaceship **"Sulaco"** to investigate. Once there, they discover colonists have been wiped out after finding derelict alien ship and its deadly cargo of eggs

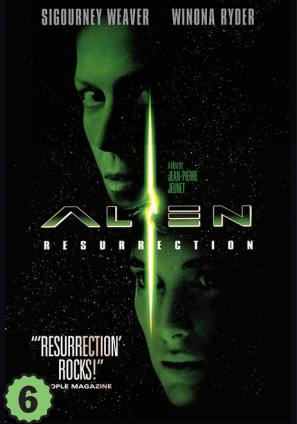
ALIEN<sup>3</sup>



Release: 1992  
Dir: David Fincher  
Rotten Tomatoes: 44%  
Global box office: \$159.8m

Escape pod carrying survivors of *Sulaco* is jettisoned onto ore refinery/prison planet **Fiorina "Fury" 161**. Ripley and damaged synthetic **Bishop** (*Lance Henriksen*) are only survivors. Unknown to them, alien facehuggers are also aboard and before long, new alien-dog hybrid is killing inmates and guards

ALIEN: RESURRECTION



Release: 1997  
Dir: Jean-Pierre Jeunet  
Rotten Tomatoes: 54%  
Global box office: \$161.4m

Set 200 years after events in *Alien<sup>3</sup>*, experimental military clone **Ripley 8** (her DNA mixed with that of alien) and band of mercenaries, including synthetic human **Annalee Call** (*Winona Ryder*), must escape and destroy ailing **USM Auriga** spaceship before its cargo of lethal aliens reaches Earth

Spin-offs (merging two popular sci-fi franchises)

**Alien vs. Predator (AvP)**  
Release: 2004  
Dir: Paul W. S. Anderson  
Rotten Tomatoes: 21%  
Global box office: \$172.5m  
Industrialist **Charles Bishop Weyland** (*Lance Henriksen*) discovers ancient Antarctic arena – proving grounds for *Alien* and *Predator*\* monsters

**AvP: Requiem**  
Release: 2007  
Dir: The Brothers Strause  
Rotten Tomatoes: 12%  
Global box office: \$128.9m  
Set immediately after *AvP*, **Predalien** hybrid crashes spaceship into small town in Colorado. Veteran *Predator* arrives to clean up hybrid alien infestation

\*1987 sci-fi movie set in Central American jungle, follows band of soldiers (led by Arnold Schwarzenegger) who fight to survive being hunted by alien predator  
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