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Batman's (Christian Bale) Complete Batsuit Ω
Batman Begins (2005)

Batman's (Christian Bale) Batsuit from Christopher Nolan's superhero film Batman Begins. Batman wore his Batsuit as he battled his mentor Ducard, aka Ra's al Ghul (Liam Neeson), and the Scarecrow (Cillian Murphy), to save Gotham City from destruction.

In the film, the Batsuit was created from mothballed military research equipment housed in the Applied Sciences Division of Wayne Enterprises, run by Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman), who helped update the design. This design was superseded by a refined Batsuit in 2008 sequel The Dark Knight.

The costume was designed by Academy Award-winner Lindy Hemming, with cowl and armour sculpts by Julian Murray. The suit's design drew inspiration from more recent comic iterations, though its construction was very similar to previous versions created for Tim Burton and Joel Schumacher's Batman films. The cowl was specifically sculpted to fit Bale's face as snugly as possible, while the cloak was designed to flutter lightly behind Batman as he moved. Hemming would later receive a BAFTA Award nomination for her contribution to The Dark Knight.

The costume's key components are Batman's trademark cowl (marked "194" internally) and a bodysuit comprising figure-hugging torso armour and separate leg and abdominal armour. These components are cast in foam latex and incorporate a layer of fine-mesh, stretchable "power netting" for added structural strength. The interiors reveal multiple lines from a complex matrix mould process, in which the core was installed in separate sections to achieve a seamless exterior finish.

A groin piece with a box fitted to protect the performer during the film's fight sequences was worn under the rubber utility belt (marked "Buster rubber" internally, likely a reference to Bale's stunt double Buster Reeves), which is finished in faux-brass paint and secured with cable ties at the rear. A lightweight faux-velvet cape is secured to the costume's chest. The bracers - both left-handed versions - are made of black vinyl, with rubber blades along the forearms. Both the torso armour and belt are emblazoned with the signature bat symbol. A pair of rubber gloves and black leather boots (size 9) complete the outfit.

The costume displays some wear from use and age, with small cracks and tears present in the foam rubber of the cowl and upper body armour, plus some loose stitching on the left glove. The Batsuit is presented on a mannequin for display purposes. This lot is supplied with a Warner Bros. certificate of authenticity. Dimensions: 40 cm x 60 cm x 195 cm (15.75" x 23.5" x 76.75")

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