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Jack Sparrow's (Johnny Depp) Ensemble with Hero and Stunt Components Ω
Pirates Of The Caribbean: The Curse Of The Black Pearl (2003)

Jack Sparrow's (Johnny Depp) ensemble with hero and stunt components from Gore Verbinski's action-adventure film Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. Sparrow wore his signature pirate attire throughout the film, though he dispensed with his tricorn hat and coat in several key sequences, including when marooned on a desert island with Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley), during the climactic cave fight with Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush), and in the film's closing execution sequence.

Sparrow's distinctive look throughout the Pirates of the Caribbean film series was designed by Academy Award-winning costume designer Penny Rose. Depp and Rose developed a character who had consorted with numerous women over the years, some wealthy, some widowed and others whose husbands were far away. Sparrow would occasionally keep a souvenir of these illicit encounters, incorporating personal trinkets into his attire. Depp also based aspects of his performance on rock legend Keith Richards, who later appeared in the series as Captain Teague, Jack's estranged father.

The hero components comprise a linen shirt and a pair of leather spats. The shirt retains an internal Cosprop label and is accompanied by a production tag inscribed in black marker "JACK/Johnny Shirt w/sword slice Sc 171". This corresponds to scene 171 in the screenplay, in which Sparrow fights Barbossa in the caverns of Isla de Muerta during the film's finale. The reference to "w/sword slice" is particularly significant, as the shirt features an intentionally fabricated cut at its centre, corresponding to the moment Barbossa stabs Sparrow during the fight.

The leather spats come with a production tag inscribed "JACK Johnny Ipr Spats", while both are internally labelled "Johnny Spats". They feature elastic stirrups designed to secure them over footwear while preserving the illusion that Sparrow is running in cumbersome leather boots. As costume designer Penny Rose explained to the Los Angeles Times, "The boots kept filling with water, so we cut the soles off and had the actors wear scuba diving boots with the leather over them like spats."

The stunt ensemble comprises a distressed linen vest and a pair of cotton trousers. The vest is inscribed in black ink with "stunt jack -w/harness" and comes with a production tag reading "172 Jack W/harness". These markings, along with the accompanying Disney certificate of authenticity, indicate that the vest was designed and used for a stunt that required a harness to be fitted to the stunt double. The cotton trousers are internally labelled "Stunt" twice and are accompanied by their own production tag inscribed "JACK STUNT Hero". Their accompanying Disney certificate of authenticity describes them as an "Authentic 'Hero' piece worn by stunt double".

All four costume components are custom-sized and accompanied by certificates of authenticity from Disney, from whose Pirates of the Caribbean auction they were obtained around the film's release.

The leather belt and cotton waist wrap are replica components added to complete the ensemble. The lot also includes 13 promotional character stills.

The hero shirt exhibits faded red staining around the rear hem. Given the shirt's intended use during the sequence in which Sparrow is stabbed, this may be residual stage blood, although this has not been confirmed.

Provenance: The shirt, spats, vest and trousers are each accompanied by a certificate of authenticity from Disney.

Estimate: £20,000 - 40,000



Detail of the leather spats interior label