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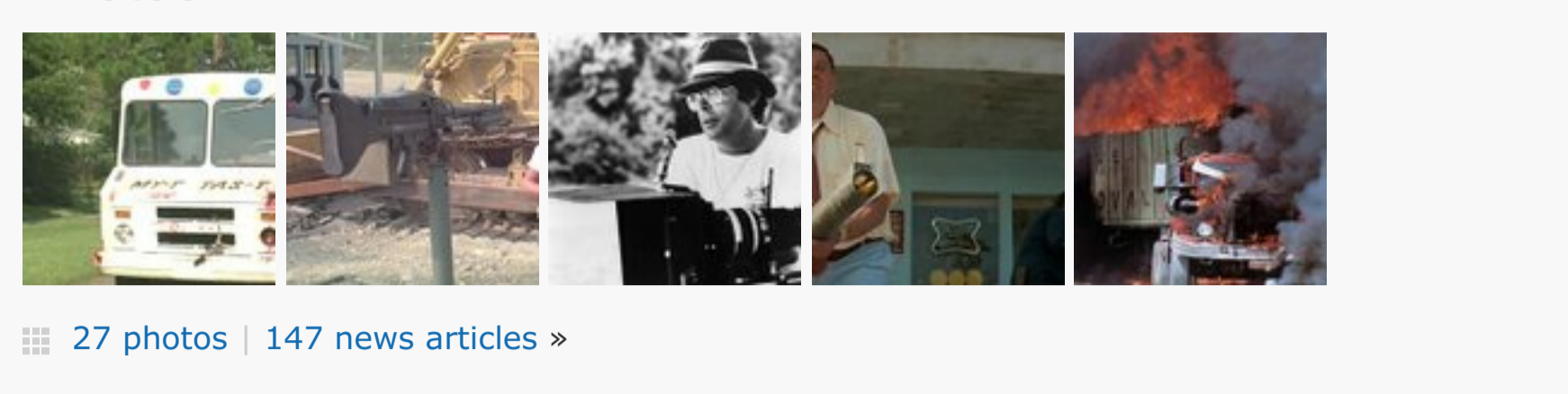
A group of people try to survive when machines start to come alive and become homicidal.

Director: Stephen King
Writers: Stephen King (film by), Stephen King (written for the screen by)
Stars: Emilio Estevez, Pat Hingle, Laura Harrington | See full cast & crew >

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Cast

Cast overview, first billed only:

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| Emilio Estevez | ... | Bill Robinson |
| Pat Hingle | ... | Hendershot |
| Laura Harrington | ... | Brett |
| Yardley Smith | ... | Connie |
| John Short | ... | Curt |
| Ellen McElduff | ... | Wanda June |
| J.C. Quinn | ... | Duncan |
| Christopher Murney | ... | Camp Loman |
| Holter Graham | ... | Deke |
| Frankie Faison | ... | Handy |
| Pat Miller | ... | Joe |
| Jack Canon | ... | Max |
| Larry Parks | ... | Steve (as Barry Bell) |
| John Brasington | ... | Frank |
| J. Don Ferguson | ... | Andy |

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Storyline

When Earth passes through the tail of Rea-M rogue comet, the machines come to life and threaten and kill the mankind. A group of survivors is under siege of fierce trucks in the Dixie Boy truck stop in a gas station and they have to fight to survive.
Written by Claudio Carvalho, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Plot Summary | Plot Synopsis

Plot Keywords: truck | machine | earth | truck stop | comet | See All (99) >

Taglines: Imagine your worst nightmare: machines take over the world! See more >

Genres: Action | Comedy | Horror | Sci-Fi

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Details

Country: USA
Language: English
Release Date: 25 July 1986 (USA) See more >
Also Known As: Rhea M. - Es begann ohne Warnung See more >
Filming Locations: North Carolina Film Studios, Wilmington, North Carolina, USA See more >

Box Office

Budget: \$10,000,000 (estimated)
Opening Weekend: \$3,205,644 (USA) (27 July 1986)
Gross: \$7,433,663 (USA) See more >

Company Credits

Production Co: De Laurentiis Entertainment Group (DEG) See more >
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Technical Specs

Runtime: 98 min
Sound Mix: Dolby
Color: Color (Technicolor)
Aspect Ratio: 2.35 : 1
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Trivia
 Film debut of Holter Graham. See more >

Goofs
 In the scene where Curt and Connie are attempting to get into the truck stop, the beer truck is ramming their car after they are freed from it. The driver of the beer truck is visible for a few seconds. See more >

Quotes
 [first lines]
Man At Cashpoint: Honey, come on over here, sugarbuns. This machine just called me an asshole. See more >

Connections
 Referenced in Yes Man (2008) See more >

Soundtracks
 For Those About to Rock (We Salute You)
 Written by Angus Young, Malcolm Young and Brian Johnson
 Produced by Robert John "Mutt" Lange
 See more >

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is the uncut version with head explosion available anywhere?
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User Reviews

★★★★★ **Not what I expected, but it's OK.**
 14 May 2014 | by bbickley13-921-58664 - See all my reviews

I've seen better movies based on the work of Stephen king, but in all fairness, I possibly have not seen one he has directed. Maybe I was taking off by how campy the movie is, A true celebration of the B-movie.

The concept was cool. An alien ship flying inside a strange cloud causes the machines on the planet to go haywire and the story focus on a small band of misfits trying to survive.

Heading up this band is Emilio Estevez who at the time was a bigger star than his little brother Charlie Sheen. Emilio is perfect for him as it's similar to other B-movies he took the lead on during his hey day like Repo man and Men at Work, which he did with his brother. This seems to be Emilio's thing and he shines as a bad boy force to do the right thing.

I'm use to being more frightened by a Stephen king story but I really was not. I don't really think it was the campy, just might not have stood the test of time in this factor.

What did stand out was the development of the characters. it's on the level of a good Zombie movie where everyone tries to figure out a way to keep alive while dealing with an unstoppable horror. It also reminded me of Tremors as the people were trapped in a gas station by the machines

Slightly different from what I was expecting from King's work from the 80's, but that might be the point. If you've seen all the other Stephen King movies than watch this one.

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