

= Candy Shop =

" Candy Shop " is the second single by rapper 50 Cent from his second commercial album , The Massacre (2005) . It features Olivia , and was written by 50 Cent .

" Candy Shop " peaked at # 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 , becoming 50 Cent 's third number one single and fifth top @-@ ten single . It received mixed reviews from critics , with some calling it a retread of 50 Cent 's collaboration with Lil ' Kim on " Magic Stick " (2003) . At the 2006 Grammy Awards , it was nominated for Best Rap Song , and at the 2005 MTV Video Music Awards , the music video was nominated for Best Male Video .

= = Background = =

In an interview with XXL magazine , rapper Fat Joe claimed that he helped produce the track while working with producer Scott Storch . He stated : " I 'm pretty sure the world don 't know we actually produced Candy Shop together . I produced it with him (Storch) ... Scott called me like 50 times , 100 times : ' Yo , you sure you don 't want to use it ? 50 Cent called me . 50 Cent want it . ' I never had a problem with this dude . I was like , ' Go ahead . ' " When writing the song , 50 Cent stated : " I attempted to be as sexual as possible , from a male perspective , without being vulgar or obscene " .

= = Composition = =

" Candy Shop " is a mid @-@ tempo dancefloor track . The song was produced by Scott Storch , who took influence from Middle Eastern music . The track samples The Salsoul Orchestra 's " Love Break " . The production was described by IGN as having a " Middle Eastern tinge " with synthesized strings that " unleash a darkly atonal whirl that sounds too much like something either Timbaland or The Neptunes or Mannie Fresh have concocted " . The Guardian wrote that the production contains " wan @-@ sounding imitations of the Neptunes ' sparse , breathy funk " . PopMatters described the bridge as being " relaxed yet faintly ominous " with 50 Cent and Olivia crooning : " Girl what we do (what we do) / And where we do (and where we do) / The things we do (things we do) / Are just between me and you (oh yeah) . " Rolling Stone noted the chorus for 50 Cent 's " amateur @-@ sounding tenor croon " .

= = Reception = =

The song received mixed reviews from critics . PopMatters described it as " dripping with sexual energy and cool " and is " sexy as hell , but contains a pretty unmistakable edge of hostility , macho swagger , and thunderous chest thumping . " Entertainment Weekly wrote that it was an " appealing throwaway single " and lyrics such as " after you work up a sweat , you can play with the stick " are not seductions ; " they 're orders " . MusicOMH wrote that the chemistry between 50 Cent and Olivia " is almost as explicit as the lyrics ... the bass line is made for grinding to " . Author Ethan Brown , in a review of The Massacre , called the track " uninspiring " and " nearly identical " to his previous collaboration with Lil ' Kim on " Magic Stick " . He stated that 50 Cent seemed too content with his " hypersexual image " among other things and " not inspired enough to work beyond the same old attention @-@ getting schemes . " Pitchfork Media listed " Candy Shop " as a reprise of " Magic Stick " both " in beats and in timbre " , and Stylus magazine said it was " more of the same " as his previous collaboration . Billboard wrote that 50 Cent " shows little growth lyrically " with the song being " typical playa @-@ friendly fodder " . The song was nominated at the 2006 Grammy Awards for Best Rap Song , but lost to Kanye West 's " Diamonds from Sierra Leone " .

= = Chart performance = =

" Candy Shop " performed well in the United States , becoming 50 Cent 's third number one single ,

fifth solo top @-@ ten single , and seventh overall top @-@ ten single . The song debuted at # 53 on the Billboard Hot 100 . In its second week on the chart , the song jumped to # 30 . " Candy Shop " then jumped to # 8 in its third week . In its fourth week , the song charted at # 2 . It peaked at # 1 in its fifth week , where it remained for nine straight weeks . It remained on the chart for 23 weeks . The track reached number one on the Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs , Hot Rap Tracks , and Rhythmic Top 40 charts . The song also did well on pop @-@ oriented charts , reaching # 2 on the Pop 100 and # 5 on the Top 40 Mainstream . " Candy Shop " was helped on the Hot 100 and Pop 100 by its strong digital downloads , peaking at # 1 on the Hot Digital Songs . The RIAA certified the track Platinum in 2006 . Across Europe , the song reached number one in Austria , Belgium , Germany , and Switzerland , and the top five in Ireland , Norway , the Netherlands , and the United Kingdom . In Australia , the track peaked at number three , was certified Platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association , and on the 2005 year @-@ end chart , it was listed at # 24 . It reached number two in New Zealand .

= = Music video = =

The music video was directed by Jessy Terrero on January 11 ? 12 , 2005 , and filmed in Hollywood , California . Due to rapper Trick Daddy 's music video for " Sugar (Gimme Some) " already having candy references , 50 Cent said , " we tried to do something a little different " and not follow the same route . The video features Olivia as the lead dancer and several models including Chessika Cartwright (as a dominatrix) , " Lyric " (as a nurse) , It features cameo appearances from Lil Scrappy , former WWE Diva and TNA Knockout Kristal Marshall , former Deal Or No Deal model Leyla Milani , G @-@ Unit member Lloyd Banks , and Young Buck . It was nominated for Best Male Video at the 2005 MTV Video Music Awards , but lost to Kanye West 's " Jesus Walks " . On February 2 , 2005 , the video debuted on MTV 's Total Request Live at number nine and remained on the chart for 46 days . It also reached number one on the MuchMusic video charts .

= = Track listing = =

UK CD single # 1

" Candy Shop " - 3 : 31

" Disco Inferno " - 3 : 34

UK CD single # 2

" Candy Shop " - 3 : 34

" Candy Shop " (Instrumental) - 3 : 34

" Candy Shop " (Ringtone) - 0 : 38

" Candy Shop " (Music Video) - 3 : 34

= = Cover versions = =

Dan Finnerty and The Dan Band famously covered the song in the record @-@ breaking box @-@ office smash The Hangover in 2009 .

In 2011 , German group The Baseballs released a rockabilly version of " Candy Shop " , which reached number 69 on the Austrian singles chart . " Weird Al " Yankovic included the song in his polka medley " Polkarama ! " from his 2006 album Straight Outta Lynwood . On the film Little Man Percy P made his own mixtape over it . Legendary folk artist Suzanne Vega sampled " Candy Shop " for her forthcoming 2014 release , " Tales from the Realm of the Queen of Pentacles " .

= = Charts and certifications = =