

= Check on It =

" Check on It " is a song recorded by American singer Beyoncé , featuring American rappers Bun B and Slim Thug . It was composed by Beyoncé , Swizz Beatz , Sean Garrett , Angela Beyincé and Slim Thug . Initially recorded by Beyoncé only , the song was supposed to be featured on the soundtrack album for 2006 film The Pink Panther , in which she co @-@ stars . As it was ultimately not included on its soundtrack album , the song with additional vocals from Slim Thug was placed on the 2005 Destiny 's Child 's greatest hits album # 1 's . Columbia Records released " Check on It " in the United States on December 13 , 2005 . The official single version of the song includes vocals from American rapper Bun B.

The song 's development was motivated by the phrase ' Check on It ' which Beyoncé and her management jokingly used before they decided to turn it into a song . " Check on It " is an R & B and hip hop song , which is instrumentally complete with a heavy bassline , strings , and wind instrument . Lyrically , it takes place in a club , where Beyoncé is letting the male patrons know that they are welcome to come and look at her sexually attractive body when she is dancing . The song consists of two verse @-@ raps by Slim Thug . " Check on It " was well received by contemporary music critics , who universally complimented Beyoncé 's vocals , and the assertiveness with which she sings her lines .

" Check on It " was not originally lined up for a release as a single from the album # 1 's . However , it received heavy rotation on US radio stations , following the release of the first single , " Stand Up for Love " (2005) , which performed poorly on the charts . Eventually , " Check on It " debuted on the US Billboard Hot 100 in November 2005 , before its official release date . The single peaked at number one for five consecutive weeks , becoming one of the two longest @-@ running number @-@ one single in 2006 , and Beyoncé 's third US number @-@ one single as a solo artist . " Check on It " reached number one in New Zealand and the top ten on various singles chart in mainland Europe .

The music video for the song was directed by Hype Williams , and premiered on December 16 , 2005 on MTV . The version of " Check on It " used in the clip features a remix of " The Pink Panther Theme " and a verse @-@ rap from American rapper Bun B. Incorporating 1950s influences , the video was shot in pink to brand the relationship with The Pink Panther . It won the Best R & B Video at the 2006 MTV Video Music Awards , and was nominated for Video of the Year at the 2006 BET Awards . Although Beyoncé did not perform " Check on It " in any televised appearances , it was a part of her set list on The Beyoncé Experience (2007) and the I Am ... Tour (2009 ? 10) .

= = Background and release = =

" Check on It " was written by Beyoncé , Slim Thug , Angela Beyincé and Sean Garrett . Production was handled by Swiss Beatz , who also co @-@ wrote the song . Matt Hennessy , Dave Pensado , and Dexter Simmons mixed " Check on It " with assistance from Geoffrey Rice , and Matt Serrecchio . Beyoncé said that the song 's title , " Check on It " , was a phrase that she and her management jokingly used several times before they decided to turn it into a song . Originally recorded by Beyoncé only , the song was supposed to be included on the track @-@ listing of the soundtrack album for the remake of The Pink Panther (2006) , starring Steve Martin , Kevin Kline and Beyoncé . However , it was not used for the soundtrack album at the last minute , and the song with added vocals from Slim Thug , was then added on Beyoncé 's former group Destiny 's Child 's greatest hits , # 1 's (2005) . " Check on It " was nevertheless played during The Pink Panther 's end credits .

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production .

" Check on It " was first digitally released in the US on December 13 , 2005 . Remixes of the song were later made available on January 31 , 2006 in both the United Kingdom and the US . " Check on It " was also released a CD Single in these two countries on February 28 , 2006 . It was serviced as a CD Single and a digital download on February 6 , 2006 , and February 7 , 2006 respectively in European countries . " Check on It " was never released in Australia . It was included as a bonus track on the deluxe edition of Beyoncé 's second studio album , *B'Day* in European territories on April 3 , 2007 . Though the song was a commercial success worldwide , Beyoncé has revealed that she dislikes the song . She has said that she was surprised at the commercial reception of the " Check on It " as according to her , it is too simple , and not catchy like some of her previous singles .

= = Composition = =

" Check on It " is an midtempo R & B and hip hop song , which makes use of a heavy bassline , strings , wind instrument , and frequent " swinging pelvic taunts " . According to the sheet music published by Sony / ATV Music Publishing at Musicnotes.com , the song is written in the key of G major , and is set in common time at 83 beats per minute . Beyoncé 's vocal range spans from the low note A3 to the high note B5 . According to Bill Lamb of About.com , Beyoncé adopts smooth and alluring vocals throughout " Check on It " . Lyrically , the song takes place in a dance club , where the female protagonist is letting the male patrons know that they are welcome to come and look at her sexually attractive body when she is dancing . " Check on It " starts with a verse @-@ rap from Slim Thug : " Good girls gotta get down with them gangstas / Go head girl put some back and some neck up on it ... " . The rapper sounds like a 1975 Mercury Cougar turning over as he growls in his burly purr , as written by Bret McCabe of Baltimore City Paper .

In the first verse , Beyoncé sings to the " sexual teasing " lyrics , which are addressed to the men looking at her : " I can be a tease , but I really wanna please you [...] Oohhh you watchin [g] me shake it , Ya can 't take it , it ? s blazin [g] ... " . The chorus lines ; " Dip it , pop it , twerk it , stop it , check on me tonight " are sung in a very quick and breathless manner by Beyoncé . Bret McCabe noted that her pace could be compared to that of American singer Donna Summer . Slim Thug appears again after the second verse to perform another different verse rap : " I ? m checking on you boo , do what ? chu do / And while you dance I ? ma glance at this beautiful view / I ? m keep my hands in my pants , I need to glue ? em with glue ... " . Before the song ends , Beyoncé repeats the chorus lines four times as additional vocals of hers are played in the background .

= = Critical reception = =

Music critics received the song positively , complimenting Beyoncé 's vocal performance , and the easiness as well as the confidence she displays while singing her lyrics . A reviewer from the UK website Contactmusic.com described " Check on It " as a " booty shaking anthem " and complimented Beyoncé for switching to a club song after " Stand Up for Love " . Bret McCabe of Baltimore City Paper noted that the song is " less a DC joint than a Beyoncé sex @-@ kitten solo " . He praised the lyrics of the song and the easiness with which Beyoncé sings , highlighting her " million @-@ selling R & B pipes " . James Blake of BBC Music wrote that the lyrics are pleasantly aggressive and critical of women .

Jaime Gill of Yahoo ! Music described " Check on It " as " sinuously brilliant " . James Anthony of the British newspaper The Guardian wrote that the song " espouses a blissful disregard for traditional songwriting conventions . No Hova (Jay @-@ Z) this time , but Houston rapper Slim Thug 's lazy southern drawl suits the fractionally slower tempo . " In the July 2006 issued copy of Spin magazine , Nick Duerden ranked the song at the seventh place on his list of The ten Beyoncé tracks you need to download , writing that " Check on It " is Beyoncé 's sexiest song to date . " Check on It " was nominated in for Best Duet / Collaboration at the 2006 BET Awards , and for the Best Rap / Hip Hop Dance Track at the 2007 22nd Annual International Dance Music Awards in

2007 . It also received a Broadcast Music , Inc . (BMI) Award for " Award @-@ Winning Song " .

= = Chart performance = =

" Check on It " debuted at number 72 on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart issue dated November 19 , 2005 . After twelve weeks on the chart , the song received the airplay gainer title , and reached number one on the Hot 100 chart issue dated February 4 , 2006 , becoming Beyoncé 's third Hot 100 number @-@ one as a solo artist and Slim Thug 's first Hot 100 single . For the same week ending , " Check on It " was also at the top of the US Hot Digital Songs and the US Pop 100 charts . The single remained at number @-@ one for on the Hot 100 chart for five consecutive weeks , tying Beyoncé with Jennifer Lopez for having her first three number @-@ one Hot 100 singles stay on top for five weeks or more . " Check on It " also tied with Canadian singer Daniel Powter 's 2005 single " Bad Day " for the longest @-@ running number @-@ one single in 2006 . " Check on It " spent a total of twenty @-@ eight weeks on the Hot 100 .

The song also topped the US Pop Songs , the US Hot Dance Club Play , the US Rhythmic Top 40 , and the Hot 100 Airplay charts . It reached number three on the US Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . According to Mediabase and Nielsen Broadcast Data Systems , " Check on It " passed the 200 million audience impressions mark in on January 31 , 2006 . Another single of Beyoncé , " Irreplaceable " also passed this mark on December 11 , 2006 . Beyoncé thus became the second female singer to achieve this feat in the US after Mariah Carey 's two singles " We Belong Together " and " Shake It Off " both passed the same mark within 2005 . At the end of 2006 , " Check on It " emerged as the tenth best selling , and fourth most played song on radio stations in the US . It was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for shipment of over 500 @,@ 000 copies . As of October 2012 , it has sold 1 @,@ 438 @,@ 000 paid digital downloads in the US .

" Check on It " debuted at number four on the UK Singles Chart on January 28 , 2006 . The following week , it peaked at number three and charted for twelve weeks in the top 75 positions of the UK Singles Chart . " Check on It " debuted at number 35 on the New Zealand Singles Chart on January 30 , 2006 , and reached number one for two consecutive weeks . In mainland Europe , " Check on It " reached the top five in Norway and the Netherlands , the top 10 in Switzerland , Denmark , and Austria , and the top 20 in Germany and Sweden .

= = Music video = =

When demand was growing for the song , Beyoncé decided to make a music video for it , serving as promotion for both # 1 's and The Pink Panther . It was directed by Hype Williams . The version of " Check on It " used in the clip features a remix of " The Pink Panther Theme " and a verse @-@ rap from Bun B. The video premiered on December 12 , 2005 on MTV , and was included on the DVD of The Pink Panther . The video was shot in 12 hours and features Beyoncé in 12 different set @-@ ups and outfits . It incorporates 1950s influences . Hype Williams told Margeaux Watson of Entertainment Weekly that the concept was to make everything pink to brand the relationship with The Pink Panther . He added that the pink sails reflect the wind instrument sound of the string section . Speaking about the video to MTV , Beyoncé said :

[' Check on It '] is so fun , it makes you feel like a child again and we wanted to put some of that in the choreography and the feel of the video . It 's all about checking on yourself and making sure you 're moving tight and your man admiring how you move . It 's simple . "

In the video , Beyoncé is seen mostly in all pink , and the dancers wear PVC jackets and dance around rippling satin sheets . She occasionally bends over and grabs her behind . The video cuts to Beyoncé wearing a polka dot corset against a hot magenta polka @-@ dotted wall , wearing a pink wig and pink lipstick . Where black bars normally appear on a 4 : 3 (full screen) television showing a widescreen production , footage is displayed of curtains moving in the background . This was a trend in the videos directed by Williams during that year , with the effect being used in Ne @-@ Yo 's 2006 single " So Sick " and Jamie Foxx 's 2005 single " Unpredictable " . " Check on It " won the

Best R & B Video at the 2006 MTV Video Music Awards . It was also nominated for Video of the Year at the 2006 BET Awards .

= = Live performances = =

Although Beyoncé did not perform " Check on It " on televised appearances , it was a part of her set list on The Beyoncé Experience at the Staples Center in Los Angeles and I Am ... Tour during various stops . In Los Angeles , Beyoncé performed segments of the song , dressed in a golden , translucent slip and golden , sparkling panties . It was executed without backup dancers or live instrumentation , only backup singers toward the performance 's conclusion . When Beyoncé performed the song in Sunrise , Florida on June 29 , 2009 , she was wearing a glittery gold leotard . As she sang , animated graphics of turntables , faders and other club equipment were projected behind Beyoncé , her dancers and musicians . " Check on It " was subsequently included as the sixteenth track and the twentieth track on her live albums The Beyoncé Experience Live (2007) , and I Am ... World Tour (2010) respectively .

= = Formats and track listing = =

= = Official Versions = =

Album version featuring Slim Thug ? 3 : 30

Acpaella version featuring Slim Thug - 3 : 50

Single version featuring Slim Thug & Bun B ? 3 : 30 (replaces Slim Thug 's second rap verse with Bun B)

Junior Vasquez Club Mix ? 8 : 31

Maurice 's Nu Soul Mix ? 5 : 59

King Klub Mix ? 6 : 48

Bama Boyz Remix ? 3 : 54

Bama Boyz Reggaeton Remix featuring Voltio ? 3 : 28

Bama Boyz Reggaeton Remix Instrumental ? 3 : 28

No Rap Version ? 3 : 08

= = Personnel = =

Credits for the song , adapted from Allmusic

Vocals ? Beyoncé Knowles , Slim Thug , Bun B , Kelly Rowland , L.A.K.C

Writing ? Angela Beyince , Swizz Beatz , Sean Garrett , Kelly Rowland

Producing ? Beyoncé Knowles , Swiss Beatz , L.A.K.C , Kelly Rowland , Michelle Williams

Engineering ? Joe Carrano , Jim Caruana , Nathan Jenkins

Mastering ? Tom Coyne

Mixing ? Matt Hennessy , Dave Pensado , Dexter Simmons

Artists and repertoire ? Huy Nguyen

Assistance ? Geoffrey Rice , Matt Serrecchio

Additionally , the remixes also credit the following people :

Remixing ? Maurice Joshua

Producing ? Junior Vasquez

= = Charts and certifications = =

= = Release history = =

