

= Resident Evil : Extinction =

Resident Evil : Extinction is a 2007 action horror film and the third installment in the Resident Evil film series based on the Capcom survival horror series Resident Evil . The film follows the heroine Alice , along with a group of survivors from Raccoon City , as they attempt to travel across the Mojave desert wilderness to Alaska and escape a zombie apocalypse . The film was directed by Russell Mulcahy and produced by Paul W. S. Anderson .

The film received mixed reviews from critics . It was released on DVD and Blu @-@ ray in North America on January 1 , 2008 .

This film was initially titled Resident Evil : Afterlife according to the leaked script . For unknown reasons , it was renamed to Resident Evil : Extinction . The title Afterlife was used for the fourth installment of the series .

= = Plot = =

Alice (Milla Jovovich) wakes up disoriented in a mansion . She wanders through the halls , where she defeats several obstacles , including a deadly laser beam obstacle and a giant blade that falls from the ceiling . However , she is eventually killed by a bounding mine . Her body is dumped into a pit filled with hundreds of Alice clones . The camera zooms out to show a shack camouflaging the facility 's above @-@ ground entrance - with the rest of the facility located underground , surrounded by a high fence and thousands of zombies .

Despite the best efforts of the bio @-@ tech company Umbrella Corporation to cover up the contamination of The Hive and the release of the T @-@ virus to the surface , going so far as to authorize the bombing of Raccoon City , the T @-@ virus has spread around the world . As the virus spread , it affected not only humans , but other animals as well , and the environment deteriorated , turning cities into desolate landscapes and the wilderness into wastelands . The real Alice (from whom the clones are made) wanders the wastelands of the Southwestern U.S. She responds to a group asking for help on the radio . It turns out that they are bandits who attempt to rape and kill her , but she manages to kill them all . On her travels , she finds a dead man 's diary which states that there is an uninfected area in Alaska .

Meanwhile , Dr. Sam Isaacs , former head of Project Alice and the head of the North American Umbrella facility , operated in Nevada , considers Alice 's recapture be a top priority , since she has the ability to bond with the T @-@ virus and not suffer mutation . He tries to persuade the Umbrella board , operating via holograms from the world @-@ wide Umbrella facility , that he can use her blood to develop a permanent cure as well as tame the infected zombies . The new Umbrella chairman Albert Wesker (Jason O 'Mara) orders Isaacs to use the clones to create a cure , and he refuses to authorize Alice 's recapture until they are informed of her location .

Meanwhile , a convoy of survivors led by Claire Redfield (Ali Larter) travels across the country in search of supplies . The convoy includes Raccoon City survivors Carlos Oliveira (Oded Fehr) and L.J. (Mike Epps) , along with new survivors K @-@ Mart (Spencer Locke) , Mikey (Christopher Egan) , Chase (Linden Ashby) and Nurse Betty (Ashanti Douglas) and others .

While searching a motel for supplies , L.J. is bitten by a zombie , which he keeps secret . The next morning the convoy is attacked by crows that had been feeding on the infected . The crows almost overwhelm the convoy , killing Nurse Betty and Otto and taking out the flamethrower operator , causing the weapon to careen out of control . Alice appears and saves Carlos and the others from a fiery death , using her telekinesis powers to fill the sky with fire , killing the crows . Alice is introduced to Claire and gives her a diary she found . Alice and Carlos convince Claire to take her convoy to Alaska . They agree to go to Las Vegas to search for gasoline and supplies for their trip to Alaska .

Dr. Isaacs ' attempts to domesticate the infected have led to a new zombie breed that remembers basic things , such as how to use phones and cameras . Wesker 's security officer , Captain Alexander Slater (Matthew Marsden) , is adamant about Isaacs ' disregard for Umbrella 's regulations . Slater does admit that the " super zombies " would be useful , but reiterates that Isaacs is out of control . Wesker , in private , informs Slater to keep watch on Isaacs ' actions , and tells

Slater that if Issacs disobeys orders , Slater should fire Isaacs .

Umbrella triangulates Alice 's location based on the signal sent out by her telekinesis abilities . Dr. Isaacs has a crate of his new zombies sent to ambush the convoy , against Wesker 's specific orders . L.J. succumbs to his infection and bites Carlos . Most of the convoy , including Chase and Mikey , are killed in the ambush . Umbrella tries to shut Alice down remotely , but she breaks free from their programming and continues to fight . She finds Isaacs at the scene , and he becomes infected as he tries to flee . Alice and K @-@ Mart use Isaacs ' computer to track the helicopter 's flight path , leading them to Umbrella 's underground location .

The convoy goes to the site , which is surrounded by zombies . Carlos sacrifices himself by plowing his truck into the zombie mob and blowing them all up , giving Alice and Claire time to load survivors into the helicopter . Alice decides to stay behind . Ordered by Wesker to terminate Isaacs , Slater arrives with a group of commandos , and finds the scientist locked in his lab , injecting himself with massive doses of anti @-@ virus in an attempt to counteract the infection , explaining that the zombies are enhanced and as such , he requires a bigger dosage of the anti @-@ virus ; he disobeys Slater 's command to stop , since it will only increase his mutation . Isaacs refuses , and Slater reveals that his employment is terminated and shoots him , triggering his mutation into a monstrous Tyrant . Despite retaining his intelligence and thought , Isaacs kills Slater and all the facility employees , but is confined to the lab 's lower levels .

Entering the facility , Alice meets a holograph of the Red Queen 's sister AI , the White Queen (Madeline Carroll) . The White Queen informs Alice that her blood is the cure to the T @-@ virus , defending the Red Queen 's actions as well . She then tells Alice about Dr. Isaacs . Alice agrees to deal with him . On her way to the lab 's lower levels , Alice discovers one of her clones , still in development . The clone awakens , but seems to die from shock upon seeing Alice . Alice finds a replica of the mansion she lived in and finds Isaacs , who fights her with equal strength and telekinesis . Finding themselves in a replica of The Hive 's laser corridor , Alice awaits for the grid 's arrival , watching Isaacs getting sliced into cubes . Just as Alice is about to meet the same fate , the system is deactivated by her clone , which has inexplicably revived .

Later , in Tokyo , Japan , Wesker , who is the head of the Tokyo Umbrella facility , informs the rest of the Umbrella chairmen , all holograms , that the North American facility has been lost . Alice 's hologram makes an appearance , declaring that she is coming for him , and she 's bringing some of her " friends . " Standing beside her clone , Alice looks out onto a huge number of pods containing her developing clones .

= = Cast = =

Milla Jovovich as Alice and the clones : A former Umbrella security operative who being tracked down by the Umbrella Corporation in order to develop a serum from her blood . Since being exposed to the T @-@ Virus outbreak in Raccoon City , Alice has been captured and subjected to experiments .

Ali Larter as Claire Redfield : Based on the video game character of the same name , she plays a prominent role in Resident Evil 2 , Resident Evil Code : Veronica , and Resident Evil : The Darkside Chronicles . In the film , she leads the convoy of survivors alongside Carlos .

Oded Fehr as Carlos Oliveira : A former U.B.C.S. commando elite soldier , based on the video game character of the same name in Resident Evil 3 : Nemesis . He is a survivor of the Nemesis program as well as the destruction of Raccoon City . He also serves as Alice 's love interest . Eventually , after bitten by a zombified L.J. , Carlos sacrifices himself by blowing up the zombie mob on a truck for clearing the path to Alice & the remaining survivors on Nevada desert to escape . Since the events of Resident Evil : Apocalypse , he has helped lead Claire 's convoy of survivors .

Iain Glen as Dr. Sam Isaacs : The head scientist of the North American facility . Dr. Isaacs had been involved in the creation of the Nemesis program as well as the creation of Program Alice in Apocalypse . He is turned into the Tyrant monster as a result of a bite by a " super @-@ zombie " and from then injecting himself with too much anti @-@ virus . He is based on William Birkin from the video games .

Ashanti as Nurse Betty : A tough young woman who acts as the medical unit in Claire 's convoy . She is a nurse , helping to aid members of the group to full recovery . Betty drives the paramedic vehicle and is a love interest of L.J. She sacrifices herself by locking herself inside the bus with the crows when they attack .

Mike Epps as L.J. Wade : Former citizen of Raccoon City , who survived the Nemesis program and Raccoon City 's destruction in the previous film . He also travels with Claire 's convoy . He is Betty 's love interest . He is bitten by a zombie in the motel near the beginning of the film and later turns into a zombie himself when super @-@ zombies attack .

Spencer Locke as K @-@ Mart : A girl found by Claire 's companions hiding out in a K @-@ Mart store prior to the outbreak .

Christopher Egan as Mikey : A young mature computer junkie who drives the " computer station " portion of the convoy . Mikey is responsible for monitoring the radio in search of other survivors as well as monitoring the motion sensor perimeter cameras . He is killed by the super zombies .

Jason O 'Mara as Albert Wesker : Based on the video game character of the same name , he is a prominent antagonist in many of the video games . In the film , he is the Chairman of Umbrella , and through holographic technology (him being in Tokyo) , he has regular meetings with committee members including Dr. Isaacs who gave the order to find and capture Alice .

Madeline Carroll as The White Queen : The sister computer of the original Red Queen . She is designed to protect and preserve human life and monitor the Umbrella facility , like her sister computer . However , the White Queen has more advanced holographic technology .

Matthew Marsden as Captain Slater : Wesker 's second @-@ in @-@ command after Dr. Isaacs .

Linden Ashby as Chase : A cowboy and ex @-@ cop whose expertise is with a rifle .

Joe Hursley as Otto : a survivor who drives the school bus , is later pecked to death by the infected crows .

= = Production = =

= = = Pre @-@ production = = =

Resident Evil : Extinction was first discussed by Resident Evil franchise writer Paul W. S. Anderson after Resident Evil : Apocalypse opened at number 1 on the US box office in 2004 , earning more than \$ 23 @.@ 7 million dollars on its opening weekend . Anderson told SciFi Wire that he would like to oversee a third installment , under the original title of Resident Evil : Afterlife . Shortly after , the film and another planned sequel were officially announced by Sony Screen Gems on June 13 , 2005 .

On November 7 , 2005 , Davis Film , Constantin Film and Screen Gems announced their distribution rights worldwide with the film 's title being changed from Resident Evil : Afterlife to Resident Evil : Extinction . Impressed with Russell Mulcahy 's work on Highlander , Highlander II : The Quickening , The Shadow and Ricochet , Anderson signed Mulcahy on as director , stating , " Russell pioneered a very distinct visual style , a lot of moving camera and crane work , lots of very fast cutting . He ? s got a very cool eye and sees great ways to shoot . His work certainly had a big influence on me as a filmmaker and that ? s why I was very excited to work with him on this movie . "

= = = Casting = = =

On June 12 , 2005 , Milla Jovovich was announced to reprise her role as the heroine Alice . In an interview with BlackFilm.com on September 9 , 2005 , Mike Epps confirmed that he would be reprising his role from Resident Evil : Apocalypse as L.J. Wayne , noting that " Black people die in these movies and [Anderson] was like , ' Well Mike , I kinda like you . ' So then I asked him , ' Are you setting me up to die because if there 's a fourth movie , I 'm as good as dead . ' " Sienna Guillory was planned to reprise her role as Jill Valentine ; however , she passed on the role , citing

commitments to Eragon . On May 9 , 2006 , Oded Fehr was confirmed to reprise his role of Carlos Olivera , as well as Iain Glen , Spencer Locke and Ashanti Douglas who were added to the cast . It was rumored that Debra Marshall was originally cast as Cindy Lennox . However , it was proven to be only a rumor . Chris Redfield was rumored to appear in the film portrayed by Australian actor Charlie Clausen and Leon S. Kennedy was also rumored to be played by Jensen Ackles .

= = = Story development = = =

The film 's story takes place in Death Valley , where the large scale action sequences take place amid post @-@ apocalyptic landscapes of Las Vegas in broad daylight . Drawing inspirations from western films and post @-@ apocalyptic movies , including the Mad Max series , Extinction manages to reference such predecessors , with plot elements revolving around the shortage of oil , the shortage of supplies , a convoy traveling across a desert , and the desert taking over civilized land .

Anderson stated that the film 's story is original and unfolds in a world that fans of the game recognize : " It 's all part of trying to deliver a movie @-@ going experience that satisfies the fans of the game but also provides a fun cinematic experience for a broader audience that has never played a Resident Evil game . " The story takes place five years after the events of Resident Evil : Apocalypse . While previous installments in the series had minor changes to plot and characters , Extinction branches completely away from the video game series as evidenced by the fact that Resident Evil 4 takes place six years after the events portrayed in Resident Evil 2 and the world has not become overrun with zombies . References to Code Veronica are made , such as the replica mansion and the viral outbreak itself . A common element used throughout each Resident Evil film is the climactic battle which occurs in the finale . Extinction marked the first appearance of herbs , a healing item in the video game series , as seen in Dr. Isaac 's lab , and it also referenced the first film with the inclusion of a replica Hive facility designed after the one in Raccoon City , the Raccoon City Hospital , a holographic computer database known as the White Queen , and the replica Spencer Mansion .

Numerous references to the video game series have been made , including zombies being unleashed through a T @-@ virus mutation . While the concept of the undead remains the same , this film includes " Super Undead " . As Anderson explains , these are " a result of Umbrella experimenting with the Undead and attempting to give them back some of their reasoning power , some of their intelligence and a little of their humanity . Unfortunately , these experiments don 't quite work and the side effect is the Super Undead , which are Undead that are faster , stronger and [a] more cunning foe . " Other creatures from the video game series have also made appearances in the film , including the Tyrant , a swarm of crows , and a pack of Dobermans (although Belgian Shepherd Dogs were used during production) .

Two main characters were added to the film 's cast : the main antagonist Albert Wesker (portrayed by Jason O 'Mara) and secondary protagonist Claire Redfield (portrayed by Ali Larter) from Resident Evil 2 .

Horror magazine Fangoria featured the film in its August 2007 issue and also on the cover of its September 2007 issue , talking with director Russell Mulcahy . The following details reported were inaccurate , possibly indicating to a change in the storyline :

Alice 's convoy are traveling across the Nevada desert trying to reach sanctuary in Alaska to meet Chris Redfield and other survivors . In the film , however , there is no mention of Chris , and the convoy is headed by Claire .

The film would feature new " super zombies " that had been " pumped up on some sort of alter @-@ essence steroids " . The final " super zombies " are created using blood taken from clones of Alice .

Mulcahy stated concerning the (what was then considered to be) ending of the film trilogy , " As far as I 'm aware , this is indeed supposed to close the book . "

Resident Evil : Extinction takes place eight years after Resident Evil : Apocalypse . In the film , this was contradicted when characters stated that it had been five years since the outbreak .

The character of Claire Redfield did not exist in the early draft scripts for the film and previously Jill Valentine (who appeared in Resident Evil : Apocalypse played by Sienna Guillory) would continue the role in Resident Evil : Extinction . Later , producers Paul W. S. Anderson and Jeremy Bolt decided to have a separate game character appear alongside Alice , saying , " We thought , rather than bring Jill back , put her with another game heroine . "

= = = Filming and post @-@ production = = =

Resident Evil : Extinction began principal photography with a budget of \$ 45 @,@ 000 @,@ 000 in Mexicali , Baja California , Mexico in May , 2006 after filming locations had to be changed from the Australian Outback to Mexico , causing production dates to be pushed back repeatedly from November 2005 to May 2006 . Numerous sets were designed by production designer Eugenio Caballero including Umbrella 's underground laboratory , the Las Vegas Strip , the New York @-@ New York Hotel & Casino , Paris Las Vegas , Realto Ponte , Luxor Hotel and the replica of the Spencer Mansion . The film entered post @-@ production in late July 2006 with details about production being kept secret and with the film 's special effects being covered by Tatopoulos Studios and Mr. X Inc . , whom both worked on the 2006 film Silent Hill .

In late June 2006 , Sony released the film 's first two production stills which included Alice wearing a costume designed by her fashion company Jovovich @-@ Hawk and Claire Redfield .

= = Marketing and release = =

The film 's teaser trailer was shown with Ghost Rider on February 16 , 2007 , and was structured in the same manner of the " Regenerate " teaser trailer for Resident Evil : Apocalypse . The film 's website was launched by Sony on February 17 , 2007 with confirmation of its September 21 , 2007 release date .

The film 's teaser poster was leaked onto the internet via a fansite in May 2007 , before appearing on IGN , whereas a German website leaked concept art for Extinction including vehicle and numerous set designs . The film 's theatrical trailer premiered on Yahoo ! Movies in late July 2007 , with NBC releasing several scenes including the crow attack sequence . The social networking website Myspace also featured numerous clips of four of the main characters ? Claire Redfield , Carlos Olivera , Nurse Betty , and Alice . The official website for Extinction launched an online game titled Resident Evil Extinction : Online Convoy Game in August 2007 . On September 12 , 2007 Sony released numerous promotional clips and television spots and on September 17 , 2007 the film 's soundtrack was released , whereas the film 's score was released on December 18 , 2007 .

On July 31 , 2007 , a full two months before the film 's release , a novelization by Keith R. A. DeCandido was published . At 368 pages , it is the longest of all of the Resident Evil novels . DeCandido also wrote the novelizations of the first (subtitled as Genesis) and second films .

Resident Evil : Extinction was released on DVD , UMD , and high @-@ definition Blu @-@ ray Disc in North America on January 1 , 2008 . A Blu @-@ ray release of the Resident Evil trilogy , featuring the three films in one package was also released on January 1 . A 3 @-@ disc DVD set of the Resident Evil trilogy was also made available in 2008 . Milla Jovovich and Oded Fehr filmed a commentary while Jovovich was pregnant , which Fehr expects to be shown " in a little square box in the corner " of the Blu @-@ ray version . The DVD and Blu @-@ ray versions of the film showed previews for Resident Evil : Degeneration , a trailer of Devil May Cry 4 , and a video of Resident Evil 5 . Resident Evil : Extinction was released on DVD in Australia on February 13 , 2008 and in the UK on the February 18 , 2008 .

= = Reception = =

= = = Box office = = =

The film was the number one movie at the North American box office on its opening weekend , grossing \$ 23 million in 2 @, @ 828 theaters , averaging \$ 8 @, @ 372 per theater . It opened more strongly than the two previous films in the series , and as of January 1 , 2008 , the film had grossed \$ 50 @, @ 648 @, @ 679 domestically and \$ 97 million overseas for a worldwide total of \$ 147 million .

= = = Critical response = = =

Extinction received a Rotten Tomatoes score of 22 % based on 95 reviews and Metacritic gave it a " mixed or average " score of 41 out of 100 .

Steven Hyden of The Onion 's A.V. Club said that " the movie delivers some simple @-@ minded thrills " and praised the " solidly effective killer @-@ ravens sequence " but felt the film was too predictable , saying : " Anybody who has ever seen a zombie movie can figure out what happens next . Somebody will get bit without telling the others , which will inevitably backfire . Survivors will be forced to shoot suddenly undead friends in the head . One of them dastardly science folk will protect the monsters in order to study them , which will also inevitably backfire . And legions of undead will be re @-@ killed in surprisingly easy fashion . "

Kevin Crust of the Los Angeles Times praised the film , saying that " the story and characters are surprisingly engaging , with fight scenes and scares effectively placed between plot turns " although he felt that the ending was too " open @-@ ended " . Kyle Smith of the New York Post gave Extinction half a star out of a possible four , saying that the film was " no more interesting than watching someone else play with his Playstation " . Scott Brown of Entertainment Weekly said that Extinction " plays like a flabby middle chapter , full of nerdy details but fraudulently short on the ruined Vegas @-@ scape that ads have been promising . " Jack Mathews of the New York Daily News gave the film a score of one and a half stars out of five , calling the action scenes " monotonous " and urging audiences to " flee this yawn of the dead . " Helen O 'Hara of Empire gave Extinction a score of two stars out of five , saying that while the film was " better than Resident Evil : Apocalypse " and had " an effectively creepy empty world setting " , she felt that it was " nevertheless scuppered by a lack of coherence . "

Frank Scheck says that as the film is " fast @-@ paced and filled with brisk action sequences " , it should " reasonably satisfy the devotees . " Maitland McDonagh of TV Guide gave the film a score of two and a half stars out of four , saying : " Equal parts Mad Max and Day of the Dead , [Extinction] is no less derivative than its predecessors but moves along at a brisk clip . " Pete Vonder Haar of Film Threat gave Extinction a score of three out of five , saying that the film had " rather lazy pacing " but added that " the way Anderson keeps upping the ante with regard to Alice 's ultimate fate continues to amuse . "

A common complaint was the noticeable digital airbrushing on numerous close @-@ up shots of Jovovich 's face , for which reviewers were confused at the use of , or found unnecessary . The film won the Golden Trailer Award for Best Action Poster and was nominated for Best TV Spot .