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MythBusters

MythBusters is a science entertainment television program, developed by Peter Rees and produced by Australia's Beyond Television Productions.^[1] The series premiered on the Discovery Channel on January 23, 2003. It was broadcast internationally by many television networks and other Discovery channels worldwide. The show's original hosts, special effects experts Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman, used elements of the scientific method to test the validity of rumors, myths, movie scenes, adages, Internet videos, and news stories.

Filmed in San Francisco and edited in Artarmon, New South Wales, *MythBusters* aired 282 total episodes before its cancellation at the end of the 2016 season in March. Planning and some experimentation took place at Hyneman's workshops in San Francisco; experiments requiring more space or special accommodations were filmed on location, typically around the San Francisco Bay Area and other locations in northern California, going to other states or even countries on occasion when required. During the second season, members of Savage's and Hyneman's behind-the-scenes team were organized into a second team of MythBusters ("The Build Team"). They generally tested myths separately from the main duo and operated from another workshop. This arrangement continued until August 2014, when it was announced at the end of "Plane Boarding" that Tory Belleci, Kari Byron, and Grant Imahara would be leaving the show. Savage and Hyneman subsequently hosted the final two seasons alone.^{[3][4]} On October 21, 2015, it was announced that *MythBusters* would air its 14th and final season in 2016. The show aired its final episode with the original cast on March 6, 2016.

On November 15, 2017, sister network Science Channel revived the series with new hosts Jon Lung and Brian Louden, who were selected via the competition spin-off *MythBusters: The Search*.^[5] The revival was filmed in Santa Clarita and on location in other parts of Southern California, airing for two seasons that lasted until 2018. Savage would later return in *MythBusters Jr.*, a spin-off featuring children.

The most recent iteration of the franchise, *Motor Mythbusters*, was produced by Beyond Television and aired on MotorTrend in 2021. Belleci returned for the series, and

MythBusters



MythBusters title screen from 2003–2006

Genre	<u>Factual television</u>
	<u>Science</u>
	<u>Technology</u>

Developed by	<u>Peter Rees</u>
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Presented by	<u>Jamie Hyneman</u>
	<u>Adam Savage</u>
	<u>Kari Byron</u>
	<u>Tory Belleci</u>
	<u>Grant Imahara</u>
	<u>Scottie Chapman</u>
	<u>Jessi Combs</u>
	<u>Jon Lung</u>
	<u>Brian Louden</u>
	<u>Bisi Ezerioha</u>
	<u>Faye Hadley</u>

Narrated by	<u>Robert Lee</u>
	<u>Robin Banks</u>
	(Europe)

Composers	<u>Daniel Thomas</u>
	(pilot)
	<u>Bob Brozman</u>
	(pilot)
	<u>Neil Sutherland</u>

Country of origin	<u>United States</u>
	<u>Australia</u> ^[1]

was joined by engineer Bisi Ezerioha and mechanic Faye Hadley. The series focused on testing myths and urban legends about automobiles. *MythBusters* refers to both the name of the program and the cast members who test the experiments.

History

The series concept was developed for the Discovery Channel as *Tall Tales or True*^[6] by Australian writer and producer Peter Rees of Beyond Productions in 2002. Discovery rejected the proposal initially because they had just commissioned a series on the same topic. Rees refined the pitch to focus on testing key elements of the stories rather than just retelling them. Discovery agreed to develop and co-produce a three-episode series pilot.^{[7][8]}

Jamie Hyneman was one of a number of special-effects artists who were asked to prepare a casting video for network consideration. Rees had interviewed him previously for a segment of the popular science series *Beyond 2000* about the British–American robot combat television series *Robot Wars*. Adam Savage, who had worked with Hyneman in commercials and on the robot combat television series *BattleBots*, was asked by Hyneman to help co-host the show because, according to Savage, Hyneman thought himself too uninteresting to host the series on his own.^{[7][8]}

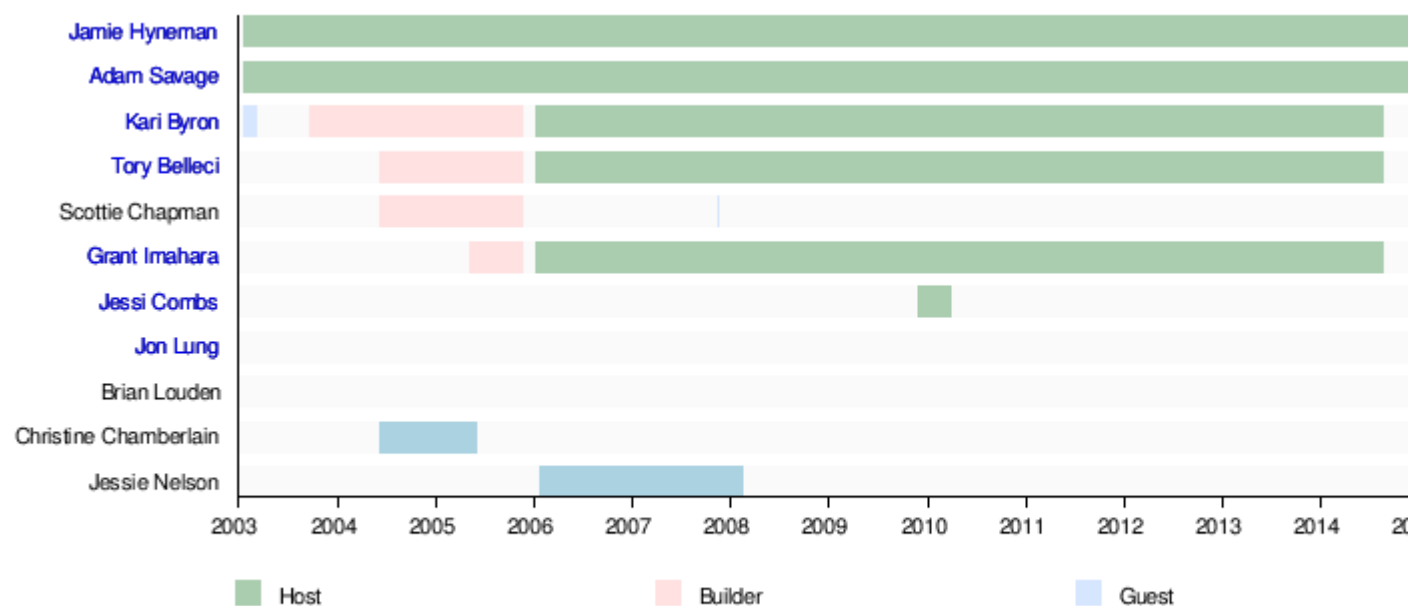
During July 2006, an edited 30-minute version of *MythBusters* began airing on BBC Two in the UK. The episodes shown on the European Discovery Channel sometimes include extra scenes not shown in the United States version. Some of these scenes are included in "specials", such as "MythBusters Outtakes".

The 14th season, which premiered in January 2016, was the final season for the series with Savage and Hyneman.^[9]

Original language	English
No. of seasons	17 ^[note 1]
No. of episodes	296 (list of episodes)
Production	
Camera setup	<u>Multiple</u>
Running time	43–44 minutes (broadcast cut) <p>48–50 minutes (original cut)</p>
Production company	<u>Beyond Television Productions</u> ^[2]
Original release	
Network	<u>Discovery Channel</u>
Release	January 23, 2003 – March 6, 2016
Network	<u>Science Channel</u>
Release	November 15, 2017 – February 28, 2018
Related	
<u><i>Head Rush</i></u>	
<u><i>MythBusters: The Search</i></u>	
<u><i>MythBusters Jr.</i></u>	
<u><i>Savage Builds</i></u>	
<u><i>Motor MythBusters</i></u>	

Adam Savage returned to TV with the show *MythBusters Jr.*, without his original co-host Jamie Hyneman, but with a cast of teenagers, hence the name. The show debuted on the Science Channel on January 2, 2019^[10] with rebroadcasts every Saturday morning on Discovery, as well as international broadcasts.

Cast



Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman are the original MythBusters, and initially explored all the myths of the series using their combined experience with special effects. The two worked at Hyneman's effects workshop, M5 Industries. They made use of his staff, who often worked off-screen, with Hyneman and Savage usually shown doing most of the work at the shop. The show is narrated by Robert Lee, though in some regions, his voice is replaced by a local narrator.

As the series progressed, members of Hyneman's staff were introduced and began to appear regularly in episodes. Three such members, artist Kari Byron, builder Tory Belleci, and metal-worker Scottie Chapman, were organized as a second team of MythBusters during the second season, dubbed the "Build Team". After Chapman left the show during the third season, Grant Imahara, a colleague of Hyneman's, was hired to provide the team with his electrical and robotics experience. Byron went on maternity leave in mid-2009, with her position on the Build Team temporarily filled by Jessi Combs,^[11] best known for co-hosting Spike's Xtreme 4x4.



The cast of *Mythbusters* at Comic Con, 2012

Byron returned in the third episode of 2010 season. The Build Team worked at its own workshop, called M7,^[12] investigating separate myths from the original duo. Each episode typically alternated between the two teams covering different myths. During the Build Team's tenure, Belleci was the only member to appear in every myth that the team tested. At the end of the 2014 season finale "Plane Boarding", Savage and Hyneman announced that Byron, Belleci, and Imahara would not be

returning in the 2015 season. This was reportedly over salary negotiations due to the rising cost of five hosts. Hyneman and Savage returned to being the sole hosts.^{[3][4][13]} Byron, Belleci, and Imahara went on to host Netflix's *White Rabbit Project*.

The series had two interns, dubbed "Mythterns": Discovery Channel contest winner Christine Chamberlain and viewer building contest-winner Jess Nelson. During the first season, the program featured segments with folklorist Heather Joseph-Witham, who explained the origins of certain myths, and other people who had first-hand experience with the myths being tested, but those elements were phased out early in the series.

The MythBusters commonly consulted experts for myths or topics for which they needed assistance. These topics included firearms, for which they mostly consulted Lt. Al Normandy of the South San Francisco Police Department, and explosives, for which they consulted retired FBI explosives expert Frank Doyle and Sgt. J.D. Nelson of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. The MythBusters often asked other people, such as those supplying the equipment being tested, what they knew about the myth under investigation. When guests were on the show, the MythBusters generally consulted them or included them in the experiments.

Episodes

No consistent system was used for organizing *MythBusters* episodes into seasons. The program has never followed a typical calendar of on- and off-air periods. The official *MythBusters* website lists episodes by year.^[14] Discovery sells DVD sets for "seasons", which sometimes follow the calendar year and sometimes do not.^[15] Discovery and retail stores sell "collections" which divide up the episodes in a different way. Each collection has about 10 or 12 episodes from various seasons.

The following table is organized according to year of first broadcast. Including *Specials* and the revival series, a total of 296 episodes of *MythBusters* have aired so far.

Season	Episodes	Originally aired	
		First aired	Last aired
<u>Pilots</u>	3	January 23, 2003	March 7, 2003
<u>2003</u>	8	September 23, 2003	December 12, 2003
<u>2004</u>	17	January 11, 2004	December 22, 2004
<u>2005</u>	26	February 2, 2005	November 16, 2005
<u>2006</u>	28	January 11, 2006	December 13, 2006
<u>2007</u>	25	January 10, 2007	December 12, 2007
<u>2008</u>	20	January 16, 2008	November 19, 2008
<u>2009</u>	23	April 8, 2009	December 28, 2009
<u>2010</u>	24	January 4, 2010	December 22, 2010
<u>2011</u>	22	April 6, 2011	November 30, 2011
<u>2012</u>	21	March 25, 2012	November 25, 2012
<u>2013</u>	11	May 1, 2013	October 17, 2013
<u>2014</u>	15	January 4, 2014	August 21, 2014
<u>2015</u>	14	January 10, 2015	September 5, 2015
<u>2016</u>	12	January 2, 2016	March 6, 2016
<u>2017</u>	6	November 15, 2017	December 20, 2017
<u>2018</u>	8	January 3, 2018	February 28, 2018 (UK)
<u>Specials</u>	13	March 21, 2004	May 1, 2013

Format

Each *MythBusters* episode focuses typically on two or more popular beliefs, Internet rumors, or other myths. Many of the myths are on mechanical effects as portrayed in live-action films and television of fictional incidents. The list of myths tested by the series is compiled from many sources, including the personal experiences of cast and crew, as well as fan suggestions, such as those posted on the Discovery Channel online MythBusters forums.^[16]

Occasionally, episodes are produced in which some or all of the myths are related by theme, such as pirates or sharks, and occasionally these are dubbed as "[Theme] Special" episodes. As of May 2009, four myths have required such extensive preparation and testing that they had entire episodes devoted solely to them,^{[17][18][19][20]} and four specials have been double-length.^{[21][22][23][24]} Several episodes, including the 2006 Holiday Special, have included the building of Rube Goldberg machines. Before a myth is introduced by the hosts, a myth-related drawing is made on a blueprint. After the hosts introduce the myth, a comical video explaining the myth is usually shown.

Experiment approach

The MythBusters typically test myths in a two-step process. In early episodes, the steps were described as "replicate the circumstances, then duplicate the results" by Savage.^[25] This means that first the team attempts to recreate the circumstances that the myth alleges, to determine

whether the alleged result occurs. If that fails, they attempt to expand the circumstances to the point that will cause the described result, which often reveals that the claims of the myth are objectively ridiculous or impossible to achieve without specialized training or equipment. Occasionally, the team, usually Savage and Hyneman, holds a friendly competition between themselves to see which of them can devise a more successful solution to recreating the results. This is most common with myths involving building an object that can accomplish a goal. For example, rapidly cooling a beer, or finding a needle in a haystack.

While the team obeys no specific formula in terms of physical procedure, most myths involve construction of various objects to help test the myth. They use their functional workshops to construct whatever is needed, often including mechanical devices and sets to simulate the circumstances of the myth. Human actions are often simulated by mechanical means to increase safety, and to achieve consistency in repeated actions. Methods for testing myths are usually planned and executed in a manner to produce visually dramatic results,^[26] which generally involves explosions, fires, or vehicle crashes. Thus, myths or tests involving explosives, firearms and vehicle collisions are relatively common.

Tests are sometimes confined to the workshop, but often require the teams to be outside. Much of the outdoor testing during early seasons took place in the parking lot of M5, and occasionally M6 and M7. A cargo container in the M7 parking lot commonly serves as an isolation room for dangerous myths, with the experiment being triggered from outside. However, budget increases have permitted more frequent travel to other locations in San Francisco and around the Bay Area.

Common filming locations around the Bay Area include decommissioned (closed) military facilities, such as Naval Air Station Alameda, Naval Air Station Moffett Field, Concord Naval Weapons Station, Naval Station Treasure Island, Marin Headlands, Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, and Hamilton Air Force Base, and abandoned base housing at Marina, California's former Fort Ord, and the Alameda County Sheriff's facility in Dublin, California, especially the firing range, emergency-vehicles operation course, and bomb range. Occasionally, mainly for special episodes, production is out of state, or even out of the country.

Results are measured in a manner scientifically appropriate for the given experiment. Sometimes, results can be measured by simple numerical measurement using standard tools, such as multimeters for electrical measurements, or various types of thermometers to measure temperature. To gauge results that do not yield numerical quantities, the teams commonly make use of several types of equipment that can provide other forms of observable effects. When testing physical consequences to a human body, which would be too dangerous to test on a living person, the MythBusters commonly use analogues.

Initially, they mainly used crash-test dummies, usually, whatever form and function it possessed, it would be named Buster, for observing blunt trauma injury, and ballistic gelatin for testing penetrating trauma. They progressed to using pig carcasses when an experiment required a more accurate simulation of human flesh, bone, and organs. They occasionally molded real or simulated bones within ballistics gel for simulations of specific body parts. They used synthetic cadavers, or SynDavers, such as in the "Car Cushion" myth.

Both for the purposes of visual observation to determine a result and simply as a unique visual for the program, high-speed cameras are used during experiments and have become a trademark of the series. Very fast footage of moving objects in front of a measured scale is commonly used to determine the speed of the object.

Testing is often edited due to time constraints of a televised episode. It can often seem as if the teams draw results from fewer repetitions and a smaller data set than they actually have. During the "Outtakes Special", they specifically stated that while they are, in fact, very thorough in testing myths and repeat experiments many times in many different configurations, it is simply impossible to display the entire process during a program. Beginning in the fifth season, episodes typically contain a prompt for the viewer to visit the show's homepage to view outtake footage of either additional testing or other facets of the myths being tested. However, Savage himself has acknowledged that they do not purport always to achieve a satisfactorily large enough set of results to overcome definitively all bias.^[27] In response to criticisms they receive about their methods and results in previous episodes,^[27] the staff produced several "Myths Revisited" episodes in which the teams retest myths to see if the complaints have merit. These episodes have sometimes resulted in overturning results of several myths, as well as upholding some results for reasons different from the original.

Occasionally, the MythBusters take the opportunity to test "mini-myths" during the course of one of the episode's main myths, usually in the name of satisfying personal curiosity. These can either be planned in advance to take advantage of the testing location—for instance, in the "Peeing on the Third Rail" myth Adam got permission to find out if placing coins on a train track was sufficient to derail a train (he found that the test locomotive was not affected at all)—or can simply take place without prior planning.

MythBusters refuse to test some myths. Paranormal concepts, such as aliens or ghosts, are not addressed because they cannot be tested by scientific methods, although one exception, pyramid power, prompted Adam to comment, "No more 'oogie-boogie' myths, please" and state at a tour show in Indianapolis in 2012 that it was a mistake. Another myth related to the paranormal was the "Haunted Hum" myth, which involved testing if a particular, inaudible sound frequency can lead people to believe that an area is haunted.

The program generally avoided experiments harmful to live animals, though in one episode, they bombarded cockroaches and other laboratory insects with lethal doses of radiation. The cast addressed this, saying that the insects were specifically bred for experiments, and would have likely died anyway. However, animal carcasses, including those of pigs and chickens, were often used, but the MythBusters repeatedly emphasized that the animals died of natural causes.

The book *MythBusters: The Explosive Truth Behind 30 of the Most Perplexing Urban Legends of All Time* (ISBN 1-4169-0929-X) gives a list of a dozen myths that are unlikely to be explored, although four were eventually tested. Savage commented that testing myths that require them to disprove general claims is difficult because of the inherent difficulty in disproving a negative. As a result, when they pursued such myths, they typically went about disproving specific methods that claim to achieve results.^[28]

Certain myths are not tested due to various objections by Discovery Channel or their advertisers, most notably myths pertaining to radio-frequency identification vulnerability.^{[29][30][31][32]} Through nine seasons, a total of 2,391 experiments were performed and 12 tons of explosives were used to test 769 myths.^[33] The team expressed reluctance to test conspiracy theory myths, such as the JFK assassination or 9/11 conspiracies, although they have tested some of the conspiracy theories relating to the Apollo Moon landings.

Outcomes of the experiments

By the end of each episode, the myths are rated "busted", "plausible", or "confirmed".

Busted

Myths are rated as "busted" when the myth's results cannot be replicated under either the described parameters or reasonably exaggerated ones. Often, when a myth is declared busted, the team will attempt to see what would be required to replicate the result of the myth through scientific means, discarding the original parameters of the myth itself. Going to absolute limits of what is physically possible to replicate the results is the origin of what is unofficially titled the *Mythbusters* motto, "If it's worth doing, it's worth *over*doing."

This is commonly referred to in the series as "the MythBusters way", and often reveals that the circumstances required to accurately recreate a 'busted' myth are physically impossible or highly unlikely to occur with the scientific facts presented, or the equipment used in the myth used to gain the results is neither available to the general public, nor capable of producing the results. For example, when trying to see if diamonds can be made with a microwave, and the myth is busted, the team arranges with an expert to have diamonds created with a large quantity of explosives.

Some of these myths are retested if the viewers are dissatisfied with the results, and are declared "rebusted" if the results of this second attempt result in the same conclusions as the original attempts. On rare occasions, retested myths result in a conclusion different from the first attempt, usually going from "busted" the first time, to "plausible" or even "confirmed" on the retest.

Plausible

Plausible is given under a few circumstances:

- The myth's results can only be replicated by expanding some parameters of the myth by a realistic and reasonable margin. This may have been because of the myth having been altered slightly over time by it being told and retold by the time it was tested by the MythBusters. Also, certain materials may have had to be substituted for others in some cases as a matter of necessity during the course of the myth being tested, but the new materials are almost always very similar to the materials specified and usually are readily available, so as to prevent it from being prohibitively costly or impractical.
- Plausible is given if no documentation of the myth occurred at the time of the episode's production, yet the MythBusters were still able to duplicate it very closely as to how the myth was described (such as the myth that pirates wore eye patches to keep their night vision, or an untrained pilot was talked through landing an airplane).
- If the myth's results are achieved using the method described, but the underlying reason is different from the one described in the myth (such as in the myth of throwing a fire extinguisher into a fire to make it explode and extinguish the fire)
- If it requires a highly improbable set of circumstances, yet is shown to be possible under similar yet artificial circumstances, plausible is used. For example, in the myth of "Can two colliding bullets fuse together?", two bullets were shown to fuse together, but would be exceedingly difficult to actually get two period guns with period ammunition to collide in the correct way to cause the result. The results can be created in a similar laboratory setting, but the chances of the myth actually happening as described are remote.
- If the results stated in the myth are attainable, but in such a way as to make the process either highly dangerous or less efficient than more common methods of achieving the same result, it is used. For example, in "Car vs. Rain", the MythBusters declared the myth "plausible (but not recommended)", due to the danger in driving a car at high speeds on a wet road, though the myth was completely true.^[34]

- Plausible is used if a positive result is attained using surrogates for living creatures, but the procedure would result in injury or death if an actual creature was tested. For example, in "Holiday Special", two ballistics-gel replicas of pet dogs were used to test the myth that a falling frozen turkey would crush a household pet; both replicas sustained serious injuries, as determined by a veterinarian, and the myth was dubbed "plausible", as the Build Team was unwilling to test the myth on actual pets.
- Occasionally, a myth is labelled plausible if the described scenario produces a result similar to, but of less intensity than, the one described in the myth.

Confirmed

The term "true" was used instead of "confirmed" in the first season.

- The MythBusters are able to re-create or closely re-create the myth's purported outcome with the described circumstances. A "confirmed" myth is usually corroborated with documented evidence of actual occurrences.
- If the myth lacks any specific scenarios, the MythBusters test every reasonable scenario, and just one scenario is enough for them to confirm the myth. For example, when testing to see whether shooting fish in a barrel was in fact very easy, in most tests, they could not hit the fish with a bullet, but the energy transfer to the water by the bullet was lethal to the fish; therefore, the myth was confirmed.
- If no instances of the event are documented as occurring in real life, but the myth was taken from a specific scene or character in a specific movie, the myth is confirmed if they are able to replicate it with the same circumstances. For example, the Build Team gave a verdict of "confirmed" for a scene in Point Break where two skydivers—one without a parachute—jumped off the plane at different times, and yet the second jumper was able to catch up to the first jumper. Though no cases of this ever being attempted in real life were documented, it was confirmed nonetheless, since it only came from a single scene in a specific movie. The same applied to the myth about the Knight Rider driving his car at highway speeds into a semi-trailer truck via ramp, without any trouble; though Adam and Jamie found no real-life occurrences of the stunt other than movie or television productions, it came from a specific TV show, and thus was confirmed.
- In rare circumstances, a myth is considered confirmed when the testing process is intentionally stopped but news reports or other documentation are available that confirm it *has* happened at least once; in testing the Jet Taxi Myth (in which a taxicab is flipped by the engine of a jet aircraft), both Adam and Jamie agreed that the myth could not be replicated accurately for insurance reasons, but news footage verified that such an event is possible. (In this case, three years later, they were allowed to return to the subject and confirm the myth using a Boeing 747.)

Warnings and self-censorship

Many of the myths tested involve purported household scenarios, so all episodes begin with a disclaimer against attempting the experiments seen on the series; most episodes also feature a second warning halfway through the running time. These disclaimers are not broadcast on SBS in Australia, in the Netherlands, Discovery Mix in Sweden, Samsung TV plus MythBusters channel in the United Kingdom, the Discovery Channel in Denmark, or on the Prime and Sky Discovery Channels in New Zealand. Often, they are presented with an element of humor, such as Savage wearing a padded suit as Hyneman hits him in the chest with a baseball bat, or Hyneman explaining that Savage and he are professionals before Savage slides into view and crashes into a barrier, while saying, "Don't try this at home!"

The series employs various degrees of safety- or courtesy-related censorship. Vulgar language is censored, as the show is considered family-friendly, and most such language occurs spontaneously when the team is surprised or overexcited; at other times, a deliberate effort is made to keep the scripted material clean. In addition to the standard bleep, the show often uses a relevant or humorous sound effect. Euphemisms and scientific terminology are used for potentially offensive terms.^[note 2]

In the "Peeing on the Third Rail" myth, the show censored the valve used to release urine from the dummy. The names of ingredients used in the production of hazardous materials and some explosives are usually censored to prevent amateurs from recreating potentially dangerous substances. For example, in the "Hindenburg" special, Savage ignited thermite with a hypergolic mixture of "blur" (a syrupy, pale blue liquid) and "blur" (a dark powder). In a Civil War-themed episode, the ingredients for making a form of homemade black powder were censored in similar fashion.

In one extreme instance of self-censorship, the team explored an urban legend stating that a widely available material could be used to create an explosive. To their surprise, the seemingly unlikely legend proved true, but the material was so easy to obtain, and the resulting explosion so powerful, that the production team decided allowing such information to reach the general public would be irresponsible, instead electing to destroy all footage of the experiment and agreeing never to speak of the incident. Several years later, when DARPA solicited advice from the public regarding potentially unknown bomb risks, Savage contacted them about their discovery.^[35]

In another episode that focused on myths surrounding electronic security devices, a segment was aired on defeating biometric fingerprint readers using various methods. One of these techniques involved creating a fake 3D fingerprint from a 2D image of the authorized print. After some trial and error, the team successfully cast a viable ballistics gel reproduction using a copper-coated printed circuit board, a picture of the fingerprint printed on acetate, and a photochemical acid etching process.

After the reproduction was shown to defeat both fingerprint scanners, and although the chemicals used during the etching process are never identified, the narrator still hints at an important step having been edited out and discourages viewers from trying it themselves. None of the other techniques that successfully defeated the fingerprint scanners or the other security devices tested in the episode were censored or obfuscated, perhaps because the rest were all fairly simple and straightforward methods, such as holding up a bedsheet or moving extremely slowly to hide from ultrasonic motion detectors or holding up a pane of glass to defeat thermal motion detectors.

Brand names and logos are regularly blurred or covered with tape or a *MythBusters* sticker. Brand names are shown when integral to a myth, such as in the Diet Coke and Mentos experiment or Pop Rocks in the first pilot episode of *MythBusters*.

The Diet Coke and Mentos experiment is also an outlier regarding their safety warnings, as Savage and Hyneman stated on-air that this myth was perfectly safe for viewers to replicate on their own. Another example of this is the "Phone Book Friction" episode, in which they investigated the

difficulty of pulling two telephone books apart after their pages had been interleaved. One episode from the 2014 season, "*DO Try This at Home?*", classified several myths as safe or unsafe for testing by viewers.

Accidents

Owing to the nature of the experiments performed on the show, many did not go as expected. Sometimes, these mishaps rendered the test equipment unusable, such as when the rocket in the "Rocket Car Revisit" episode exploded on ignition. Others even resulted in minor injuries to the personnel involved with the show, such as when Tory banged his knee falling off a fire tower; the fall was expected and prepared for using a safety harness, but the injury to his knee was unforeseen. The most common injuries were caused when moving safety equipment, which resulted in stitches and at least four broken fingers.^[36] These kinds of incidents were usually included in the broadcast program, with little other media attention, but some things failed in more spectacular and newsworthy ways.

Esparto accident

On March 20, 2009, the town of Esparto, California, was shaken and windows were shattered by a blast created by 500 pounds (230 kg) of ANFO during filming of the myth "Knock Your Socks Off".^[37] Some residents were upset that the blast took place without "telling anyone".^[38] Chief Barry Burns of the Esparto Fire Department had several firefighters present for the explosion. He said he made the decision not to notify anyone in town for safety's sake. "*MythBusters* is supposed to be a really popular show. Everybody would have been out there. We would have had to cancel it because it would have been too dangerous."^[39] Representatives from the show replaced some of the windows that same day.^[37] The experiment did air, but the hosts recounted in a 2011 special episode ("Location, Location, Location") that they have never returned to the Esparto quarry as a result of the mishap.

Cannonball accident

On December 6, 2011, while conducting the "Cannonball Chemistry" experiment, the MythBusters crew accidentally sent a cannonball through the side of a house and into a minivan in a Dublin, California, neighborhood. Although the experiment was being carried out at the Alameda County Sheriff's Bomb Range under the supervision of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, the errant projectile went over its intended target of water barrels and instead skipped up a hill that was intended as a secondary safety target. The cannonball soared 700 yards (640 m) into a neighboring community, striking a house and leaving a 10-inch (250 mm) hole, before striking the roof of another house and smashing through a window of a parked minivan. No one was hurt by the rogue cannonball.^{[40][41]}

A show producer visited the homeowners to apologize,^[42] followed by Savage and Hyneman; Savage later stated that the incident would not cause the series production to be suspended.^[43] Savage and Kari Byron returned to Dublin High School on February 22, 2012, to participate in a moderated panel session at Dublin High School's Engineering and Design Academy Open House during National Engineers Week 2012, in part to help repair relations with the community. The sold-out event attracted over 1,000 attendees.^{[44][45][46]}

During the airing of the experiment on November 11, 2012, the Build Team apologized for the accident and explained that they suspended testing after it occurred to assess damage and start an investigation. The testing resumed several months later at a rock quarry in a much more remote area.

Name lawsuit

In January 2005, children's author and adventurer Andrew Knight commenced legal proceedings in Australia against Beyond Productions, the producer of *MythBusters*, alleging passing off in relation to the use of the name "MythBusters".^[47] Knight asserted that he had previously organized a team of "MythBusters" and had used the name continuously since 1988 in relation to pursuing myths, ghosts, monsters, goblins, and other such mysteries in an offbeat manner around the world. Knight wrote a series of self-published children's books under the banner "MythBusters" in 1991, 1993, and 1996.^{[48][49]}

In February 2007, the Federal Court of Australia dismissed Knight's claims against Beyond Productions.^[50] A parallel action, relying on the same three books and a collection of short television appearances, was brought later that year in the Chancery Division of the High Court of England and Wales. Beyond Properties Pty Limited was again a defendant, as were two other Beyond companies and Discovery Communications Inc, the entity responsible for broadcasting the *MythBusters* program in the UK. These claims were also dismissed.^[51]

Popularity and influence

Hyneman and Savage have appeared on numerous entertainment programs, such as *Good Morning America*,^[52] the *Late Show with David Letterman*,^[53] NPR's news program *All Things Considered*,^[54] the syndicated radio *Bob and Tom Show*, and in the movie *The Darwin Awards* (as two military surplus vendors who sold a JATO rocket to the main character). *Skeptic* magazine's Daniel Loxton interviewed the duo in a 2005 article titled "MythBusters Exposed".^[55] Hyneman and Savage spoke at the annual convention of the National Science Teachers Association in March 2006, and the California Science Teachers Association named them honorary lifetime members in October 2006.^[56] In 2009, they were the featured keynote speakers at RSA Conference.^[57] They also are occasionally interviewed for articles by *Popular Mechanics* and are featured in that magazine's September 2009 issue.^[58]

Hyneman and Savage occasionally appear at colleges around the United States to talk about what it is like to be a MythBuster; the show consists of an interview and discussion to give the audience the opportunity to ask the MythBusters questions. The Build Team members have sometimes made appearances in similar capacity. They hold lectures in both collegiate and corporate settings, though the technical colleges tend to be the most enthusiastic.^{[59][60]} They have spoken at WPI, RPI, MIT, Michigan Tech, UC Berkeley and many others.

Adam Savage has written a primer on mold-making for *Make* magazine, and has been featured guest at the San Mateo Maker Faire since 2008. Kari Byron was interviewed on *The Late Show*, on January 16, 2006.^[61]

People involved in survival stories reported in local newscasts have sometimes mentioned previous viewings of *MythBusters* as an influence to their actions. Twenty-three-year-old Theresa Booth of St. Martin, Minnesota, credits a *MythBusters* episode for her infant child and her survival. On April 3, 2007, she skidded off the road into a drainage ditch, which had filled with flood water from

the Sauk River. Unable to open the door, Booth recalled the "Underwater Car" myth and waited until the pressure equalized to open the door.^[62] On October 19, 2007, in Sydney, Australia, a teenager named Julian Shaw pulled a fainted middle-aged man off the railway tracks near a train station to safety below the platform. He pulled back as the train passed, citing that the "Train Suction" episode affected his response.^[63]

The 3rd Annual Independent Investigative Group IIG Awards presented an award to *MythBusters* recognizing the promotion of science and critical thinking in popular media on May 18, 2009.^[64]

On the May 1, 2008, episode of *CSI*, "The Theory of Everything", Hyneman and Savage appeared in a cameo as observers taking notes during a test to determine whether a stun-gun bolt can set someone on fire under various circumstances (which was later tested on *MythBusters* itself).

During August 2008, Hyneman and Savage appeared on the stage of NVISION 08, an event sponsored by Nvidia, having been asked by Nvidia's creative director, David Wright, to provide a visual demonstration of the power of the graphics processing unit vs a central processing unit. They did this by creating an image of the Mona Lisa with a giant parallel processing paintball gun, setting a world record for largest paintball gun in the process.^{[65][66][67]} An encore of the demonstration was given at YouTube Live featuring Hyneman standing in the path of the paintballs wearing a suit of armor.^[68]

On the April 17, 2012, episode of *NCIS*, "Rekindled", the character Abby Sciuto demonstrates a thermite fire to her boss, Jethro Gibbs, by playing a clip from the *MythBusters* episode "End with a Bang". Gibbs asks if the men in the clip are pyromaniacs, and she replies, "Scientists, Gibbs! Okay, yeah, they're kind of pyromaniacs too".

Hyneman, Savage, and others from the *MythBusters* crew have appeared at The Amaz!ng Meeting, and subsequently were interviewed by Steven Novella and the "skeptical rogues" for the podcast The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe.^{[69][70]} On April 16, 2010, Hyneman and Savage received the Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award in Cultural Humanism from the Harvard Humanist Chaplaincy.^[71]

On October 18, 2010, President Barack Obama, as part of the White House Science Fair, announced he had taped a segment of *MythBusters* and would appear on December 8, 2010. Obama's segment covered the Archimedes solar ray myth.^{[72][73]}

Both men appeared at the Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear on October 30, 2010, in Washington, DC. They had an experiment with the crowd involving the wave. They had the audience make various noises (e.g. popping their cheeks or laughing) all at the same time. They also had everyone in the crowd jump up at the same time to see if it would register on a seismograph.^[74]



At the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge posing with Skulls Unlimited International, Inc.'s Jay Villemarette and Joey Williams, 2004



At the White House

Hyneman and Savage received honorary doctorates from the University of Twente in the Netherlands for their role in popularizing science, on the occasion of the university's 50th anniversary, on November 25, 2011.^[75]

As of November 2011, all five MythBusters have also appeared in new shows, segments or specials for Discovery's Science Channel, including *Head Rush* (Byron, 2010–present); *Punkin Chunkin 2010* (Hyneman and Savage); *Flying Anvils 2011* (Belleci); *Road to Punkin Chunkin 2011* and *Punkin Chunkin 2011* (Belleci, Byron and Imahara); *Large Dangerous Rocket Ships 2010 and Large Dangerous Rocket Ships 2011* (Byron); "Killer Robots: RoboGames 2010" (Imahara); *Curiosity* (Savage); *Punkin Chunkin 2012* (Belleci, Byron and Imahara). Savage and Hyneman are judges on the game show *Unchained Reaction* which premiered in March 2012. Belleci and Byron are also hosts of the 2015 Science Channel show *Thrill Factor*.

Aired on February 12, 2012, Hyneman and Savage lent their voices to *The Simpsons* episode "The Daughter Also Rises" to be featured on a show similar to *MythBusters* called *Mythcrackers* in which Hyneman and Savage take on the classic myth that a cat always lands on its feet. In the episode, they do not want to harm a real cat, so they took a Build A Bear carcass, stuffed it with ballistics gel, shot it with a 20-foot barrel steam cannon, then made a scatter plot of the remains. By the end of the experiment, Hyneman asked, "What was it we were trying to prove again?", to which Savage replied, "Don't know, don't care." Clips from this show appeared in the *MythBusters' Simpsons* Special that first aired in 2015.

On October 3, 2012, Byron and Belleci made a guest appearance on the Discovery series *Sons of Guns*. They test-fired some of the weapons in the Red Jacket shop, then watched as the staff retested a myth busted by the Build Team in 2008, that a propane tank could explode when hit with a bullet.

In 2015, Hyneman and Savage appeared in a series of Australian television commercials for Dulux paint, depicting them testing the maker's claims of durability.^{[76][77][78]}

In 2016, a *New York Times* study of the 50 television shows with the most Facebook likes found that *MythBusters* "has the second-highest share of 'likes' from men of any show in the data, after *Fast N' Loud*".^[79]



The *MythBusters* at a 2015 performance in Iowa

Tours and exhibits

A traveling museum exhibit called "MythBusters: The Explosive Exhibition"^[80] was developed over the course of about five years, premiering at the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, in March 2012.^[81]

In 2011, Savage and Hyneman created a live stage show called the *MythBusters Behind the Myths* Tour, in which they conduct experiments on-stage and discuss some background details of the show.^[82]

In March 2014, they announced that the tour would be coming to Australia and New Zealand.

The show and one particular episode (involving the myth of a cigarette being able to cause a fire when thrown into a pool of gasoline) was credited with helping to free a man from prison.^[83]

International broadcasts

MythBusters is broadcast in several countries, primarily by each country's version of the Discovery Channel. In some countries, the English speech is either subtitled in the relevant language, or the narration voice-over is replaced, or the entire show (narration and hosts' voices) is dubbed. The United States customary units, used by the hosts throughout the show, are converted to metric in the process. In the UK since 2011, the use of US customary units in the show has often been retained, rather than being replaced with metric units. Sometimes, the part where the myth is explained in sketches is completely redrawn in that language. Excerpts of the show were also shown as part of the Beyond Television–produced *Beyond Tomorrow*. It also shows in Hong Kong's ViuTVsix.

Revival and spin-offs

In late March 2016, *Variety* revealed that Discovery's sister network Science Channel was planning to produce a revival of *MythBusters* with a new cast, and that its hosts would be determined by a reality competition spin-off, *Search for the Next MythBusters* (later renamed *MythBusters: The Search*), which was hosted by Nerdist's Kyle Hill.^{[84][85]} The revival, hosted by Brian Louden and Jon Lung, would premiere its first, 14-episode season on November 15, 2017.^[5]

In September 2016, Beyond announced it was producing a new original series for Netflix, *White Rabbit Project*, starring Byron, Belleci, and Imahara.^[86] It ran for one season of 10 episodes.

In April 2018, Adam Savage was announced to be returning to the franchise to host and executive produce a new spin-off, *MythBusters Jr.*, with a 10-episode first season, which premiered in December 2018 with a sneak-peek episode, and the series officially starting January 2, 2019. The series features Savage working with a group of six young scientists. Savage stated that his goal for the series was to "start passing on everything to the next generation" as he grows older.^{[87][88]}

In 2021, an automotive-focused spin-off was produced called *Motor MythBusters*, with original Build Team member Tory Belleci being joined by Faye Hadley of the *All Girls Garage* series and professional race car driver Bisi Ezerioha.^[89] Robert Lee once again provided some voice over work for this series. The 13-episode series, which premiered on August 4, 2021, was initially only available on the Motor Trend app in the United States,^[90] before being released through Amazon Prime Video,^[91] and having its premiere on Motor Trend's TV channel on January 18, 2022.^[92] In 2021 Beyond also repackaged segments from the original series grouped into themed episodes to create a spin-off called *MythBusters: There's Your Problem!*.^[93]

Savage has stated that he is unlikely to work with Hyneman on any future projects, stating that although they worked well together as a classic example of a double act (with Hyneman as the straight man), their personalities clashed off-screen and on-screen. Savage suspected that both he and Hyneman were enjoying spending time apart from each other.^[94]

See also

Similar television series

- *Bang Goes the Theory*
- *Bigger, Better, Faster, Stronger*
- *The Boffin, the Builder and the Bombardier*
- *Brainiac: Science Abuse*
- *Duck Quacks Don't Echo*
- *Food Detectives*
- *It's Effin' Science*
- *Man vs. Cartoon*
- *Mega Builders*
- *Penn & Teller Tell a Lie*
- *Prototype This!*
- *Proving Ground*
- *The Re-Inventors*
- *Rock and Roll Acid Test*
- *Scrapheap Challenge*
- *Smash Lab*
- *Time Warp*
- *Unchained Reaction*
- *Urban Legends*
- *White Rabbit Project*

General

- List of common misconceptions
- *The Skeptic's Dictionary*
- Snopes.com
- The Straight Dope
- Urban legend

Notes

1. Each calendar year is defined as a season, this count includes the pilot season, but not the special season. On some listings and streaming/video-on-demand services, the season count is 19 for the original series.
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List of *MythBusters* episodes

MythBusters is a science entertainment TV program created and produced by Australia's Beyond Television Productions for the Discovery Channel.

There is no consistent system for organizing *MythBusters* episodes into seasons. The show does not follow a typical calendar of on- and off-air periods. The official *MythBusters* website lists episodes by calendar year. On the other hand, Discovery sells the DVD sets for "seasons", which sometimes follow the calendar year and sometimes do not. In addition, Discovery also sells "collections" which divide up the episodes in a different way: each collection has about 10 or 12 episodes from various seasons. This list follows the calendar year as per the official episode guide.

Including *Specials* and the revival series, a total of 296 episodes of *MythBusters* have aired so far.

Series overview

Season	Episodes	Originally aired	
		First aired	Last aired
<u>Pilots</u>	3	January 23, 2003	March 7, 2003
<u>2003</u>	8	September 23, 2003	December 12, 2003
<u>2004</u>	17	January 11, 2004	December 22, 2004
<u>2005</u>	26	February 2, 2005	November 16, 2005
<u>2006</u>	28	January 11, 2006	December 13, 2006
<u>2007</u>	25	January 10, 2007	December 12, 2007
<u>2008</u>	20	January 16, 2008	November 19, 2008
<u>2009</u>	23	April 8, 2009	December 28, 2009
<u>2010</u>	24	January 4, 2010	December 22, 2010
<u>2011</u>	22	April 6, 2011	November 30, 2011
<u>2012</u>	21	March 25, 2012	November 25, 2012
<u>2013</u>	11	May 1, 2013	October 17, 2013
<u>2014</u>	15	January 4, 2014	August 21, 2014
<u>2015</u>	14	January 10, 2015	September 5, 2015
<u>2016</u>	12	January 2, 2016	March 6, 2016
<u>2017</u>	6	November 15, 2017	December 20, 2017
<u>2018</u>	8	January 3, 2018	February 28, 2018 (UK)
<u>Specials</u>	13	March 21, 2004	May 1, 2013

Episode list

Pilot episodes

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
P1	Special-1	" <u>Jet-Assisted Chevy</u> " ^[1]	January 23, 2003	1
<p>Myths tested: Can a 1967 Chevy take off with JATO rockets, like in the tale of the JATO Rocket Car? Can Pop Rocks and soda, when eaten simultaneously, cause the eater's stomach to rupture? Note: The only cast are Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman. Heather Joseph-Witham also makes her first appearance in this episode.</p>				
P2	Special-2	" <u>Biscuit Bazooka</u> " ^[1]	January 23, 2003	2
<p>Myths tested: Can an airplane toilet create enough suction to cause a person to become stuck on it? Can a can of biscuit dough explode in a hot car? Can a person throw himself through a skyscraper window? Note: This is the first appearance of Kari Byron.</p>				

P3	Special- 3	" <u>Poppy-Seed Drug Test</u> " ^[1]	March 7, 2003	3
Myths tested: Can a person take to the skies using only a lawn chair and weather balloons? Can someone test positive for heroin by eating a large amount of <u>poppy seeds</u> ? Can being painted with gold paint actually be deadly? Note: "Larry Lawn Chair Balloon" was the first myth the team ever tested. ^[2]				

2003 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
1	1	" <u>Exploding Toilet</u> " ^[1]	September 23, 2003	4
Myths tested: Can a person be propelled off a toilet seat by dropping a lit cigarette into a toilet bowl when filled with various combustible materials? Is running better than walking to keep dry in the rain? Is it possible to make a "magic bullet" out of ice?				
2	2	" <u>Cell Phone Destroys Gas Station</u> " ^[1]	October 3, 2003	5
Myths tested: Will using a cell phone near a gas pump cause an explosion? Will silicone breast implants explode or expand in low pressure? Can a standard CD-ROM drive shatter a CD?				
3	3	" <u>Barrel of Bricks</u> " ^[1]	October 10, 2003	6
Myths tested: Can a bricklayer hoisting a wooden barrel full of bricks with a pulley from the top of a three-story building fall and hit a man multiple times? Can a person be electrocuted by urinating on the third rail? Can an eel skin wallet erase a credit card?				
4	4	" <u>Penny Drop</u> " ^[1]	October 17, 2003	7
Myths tested: Will a penny dropped from the top of the Empire State Building kill a person or penetrate the ground? Can a person's internal organs be cooked by a tanning booth? Can tooth fillings receive radio waves?				
5	5	" <u>Buried Alive</u> " ^[1]	October 24, 2003	8
Myths tested: How long can you survive in an underground coffin? Does Cola have special properties? If a person is falling off a bridge, can they save themselves by throwing a hammer ahead of them to break the surface tension of the water prior to their own impact?				
6	6	" <u>Lightning Strikes/Tongue Piercings</u> " ^[1]	November 11, 2003	9
Myths tested: Is a person with a tongue piercing more likely to get struck by lightning? Can a cannon be built out of a tree? Can the <u>breathalyzer</u> be beaten through various methods?				
7	7	" <u>Stinky Car</u> " ^[1]	December 5, 2003	10
Myths tested: Can a car in which a person has died and started to decay become so <u>malodorous</u> that it will be impossible to remove the stench and sell? If gasoline is poured down a drain pipe and lit while a person is inside of it, will that person be launched as if from a cannon?				
8	8	" <u>Alcatraz Escape</u> " ^[1]	December 12, 2003	11
Myths tested: Was it possible to survive an escape from <u>Alcatraz</u> ? Does a duck's quack echo? Does the government implant secret chips in people which stud finders can detect?				

2004 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
9	1	" <u>Explosive Decompression</u> " ^[3]	January 11, 2004	12
Myths tested: Can a bullet cause explosive decompression and tear a plane apart? Can a car's rear axle be ripped away by a steel cable tied to it and a lamppost? Will a bullet used as a fuse in a vehicle work and then will it fire?				
10	2	" <u>Chicken Gun</u> " ^[3]	January 18, 2004	13
Myths tested: Do frozen chickens cause more damage than thawed chickens when shot at a plane's windshield? Can octopus eggs hatch inside a human's stomach? Is there any truth to the strange story of a man who died when he tried to compact his laundry in the washing machine by standing on it?				
11	3	" <u>Breakstep Bridge</u> " ^[3]	January 25, 2004	14
Myths tested: Can a marching battalion take down a bridge? How many bacteria reside on a toothbrush? Is it possible to water ski behind a rowing eight?				
12	4	" <u>Sinking Titanic</u> " ^[3]	February 22, 2004	15
Myths tested: Could the sinking <u>Titanic</u> literally suck a person down with it? Does a goldfish's memory only last for 3 seconds? Can explosives packed in a trombone cause the slide to rocket off it?				
13	5	" <u>Buried in Concrete</u> " ^[3]	February 25, 2004	16
Myths tested: Is <u>Jimmy Hoffa</u> buried under Giants Stadium? Can the venom from a <u>daddy long-legs</u> kill a human? Can a jet engine launch a taxi into the air?				
14	6	" <u>Myths Revisited</u> " ^[3]	June 8, 2004	17
Myths tested: Can a marching battalion take down a bridge? (Revisit of: <u>Breakstep Bridge</u>) Is it possible to make a "magic bullet" out of ice? (Revisit of: <u>Magic Bullet</u>) Do frozen chickens cause more damage than thawed chickens when shot at a plane's windshield? (Revisit of: <u>Chicken Gun</u>) Will using a cell phone near a gas pump cause an explosion? (Revisit of: <u>Cell Phone Destruction</u>) Can being painted with gold paint actually be deadly? (Revisit of: <u>Goldfinger</u>) Can leaving a can of aerosol spray or cola inside a hot car cause it to explode? Can an inflatable brassiere explode inside of an airplane as it climbs in altitude? Can urinating on an electric fence cause electrocution? Note: This is the first appearance of <u>Tory Belleci</u> , <u>Scottie Chapman</u> , and "Mythtern" <u>Christine Chamberlain</u> .				
15	7	" <u>Scuba Diver and Car Capers</u> " ^[3]	July 27, 2004	18
Myths tested: Can a scuba diver be sucked up in a fire fighting helicopter? Are various car myths from movies true?				
16	8	" <u>Ancient Death Ray</u> " ^[3]	September 29, 2004	19
Myths tested: Can mirrors be used to make a death ray? What solutions are effective against skunk smell? What common objects are bulletproof?				
17	9	" <u>Elevator of Death, Levitation Machine</u> " ^[3]	October 6, 2004	20

Myths tested: Can someone survive a multi-story elevator fall by jumping right before the elevator hits the bottom of the shaft? Is it possible to make a hovercraft with a vacuum motor? Note: This is the final appearance of folklorist <u>Heather Joseph-Witham</u> .				
18	10	" <u>Beat the Radar Detector</u> " ^[3]	October 13, 2004	21
Myths tested: If someone falls off a building, can that person glide to safety using a sheet of plywood? Can you beat a radar detector?				
19	11	" <u>Quicksand</u> " ^[3]	October 20, 2004	22
Myths tested: Can a person be sucked down by "killer quicksand"? Can a tattoo explode in an MRI scan? Can appliances really electrocute people if they fall in the bathtub?				
20	12	" <u>Exploding Jawbreaker</u> " ^[3]	October 27, 2004	23
Myths tested: Can a superheated jawbreaker explode when bitten down upon? Can a PVC pipe build enough static electricity to kill? Can a playing card kill a person if thrown with enough power?				
21	13	" <u>Pingpong Rescue</u> " ^[3]	November 3, 2004	24
Myths tested: How many balloons are needed to lift a 40-lb child off the ground? Can a sunken boat be lifted to the surface with ping-pong balls?				
22	14	" <u>Boom-Lift Catapult</u> " ^[3]	November 10, 2004	25
Myths tested: Is it possible to make a catapult with a boom-lift cherry-picker? Does a person save more gas by driving with the AC on instead of having the windows down?				
23	15	" <u>Exploding House</u> " ^[3]	November 16, 2004	26
Myths tested: Can too many bug bombs blow up a house? How hard is it to find a needle in a haystack? Will talking to plants help them grow?				
24	16	" <u>Ming Dynasty Astronaut</u> " ^[3]	December 5, 2004	27
Myths tested: Can a person be launched by rockets strapped to a chair, like in the <u>Ming Dynasty</u> tale? Do free energy devices seen on the Internet actually work? Can jumping into a ceiling fan cause a person to lose his head?				
SP1	Special- 1	" <u>Viewers-Choice/Christmas Special</u> " ^[3]	December 22, 2004	28
Myths tested: Can a frozen turkey explode if it is dropped into deep fryer pot too fast? If you place a silver spoon in a bottle of champagne, will the bubbles last longer? Can a falling icicle kill someone? Does a clothed snowman melt slower than a "naked" one? Can a urine stream freeze in the winter? Can lighting a fire in the fireplace with a chimney make the rest of the house colder? Note: This is a special episode.				

2005 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
SP2	Special-1	" <u>Buster Special</u> " ^[4]	February 2, 2005	29
Buster is rebuilt after sustaining a year's worth of abuse. Note: This is a special episode.				
SP3	Special-2	" <u>Ultimate MythBusters</u> " ^[4]	February 9, 2005	30
Jamie and Adam have a contest to prove who is the Ultimate MythBuster. Note: This is a special episode.				
25	1	" <u>Brown Note</u> " ^[5]	February 16, 2005	31
Myths tested: Can a person be blown away by a bullet? Can a certain note make a person have fecal incontinence? Does Chinese water torture work?				
26	2	" <u>Salsa Escape</u> " ^[5]	February 23, 2005	32
Myths tested: Can a person escape from prison using salsa? Can hardened cement be removed from a cement truck using explosives?				
27	3	" <u>Exploding Port-a-Potty</u> " ^[5]	March 2, 2005	33
Myths tested: Can a car pole-vault from its drive shaft if it hits a pothole? Can a port-a-potty gather enough methane to explode?				
28	4	" <u>Is Yawning Contagious?</u> " ^[5]	March 9, 2005	34
Myths tested: Can a toy car beat a Dodge Viper in a quarter-mile downhill race? Is yawning contagious? Does buttered toast always land buttered-side down?				
SP4	Special-3	" <u>MythBusters Outtakes</u> " ^[4]	March 16, 2005	35
This episode showed outtakes from the series. Note: This is a special episode.				
29	5	" <u>Cooling a Six-Pack</u> " ^[5]	March 23, 2005	36
Myths tested: What is the fastest way to cool a six-pack of beer? Was a battery able to be used for certain tasks in ancient times?				
30	6	" <u>Son of a Gun</u> " ^[5]	March 30, 2005	37
Myths tested: Could using a phone in a thunderstorm result in being electrocuted? Could a bullet pass through a man's genitals, into a woman's abdomen, and make the woman pregnant? Can a boat be driven with its trailer still attached? Note: This is the final regular episode appearance of <u>Scottie Chapman</u> and final appearance of "Mythtern" Christine Chamberlain.				
SP5	Special-4	" <u>Shop 'til You Drop</u> " ^[4]	April 6, 2005	38

The MythBusters showed their favorite places to shop. Note: This is a special episode.				
SP6	Special-5	" <u>MythBusters Revealed</u> " ^[4]	April 27, 2005	39
This is a behind the scenes insight of MythBusters, featuring interviews, as well as exploring personal issues between the hosts. Note: This is a special episode.				
SP7	Special-6	" <u>Hollywood on Trial</u> " ^[4]	May 11, 2005	40
Myths tested: Will bullets spark when ricocheting off other objects? Did the aluminium paint used on Buddy Ebsen, the actor originally slated to play the <u>Tin Man</u> in the <u>1939 movie version of <i>The Wizard of Oz</i></u> cause an adverse reaction that hospitalized him? Is it possible for a medium-to-large build man to break through a wooden door frame on his own power? Is it possible to be thrown through a glass window and walk away without a scratch? Is it possible to ignite a pool of gasoline using only a cigarette? Note: This is a special episode. It was the first appearance of <u>Grant Imahara</u> .				
31	7	" <u>Breaking Glass</u> " ^[5]	May 18, 2005	41
Myths tested: Can an unamplified human voice shatter a wine glass? Does a rolling stone gather moss? Can a vacuum cleaner be converted into a jet engine?				
32	8	" <u>Jet Pack</u> " ^[5]	June 9, 2005	42
Myths tested: Can a jet pack be created from plans on the Internet? Do pyramids have special powers?				
33	9	" <u>Killer Brace Position</u> " ^[5]	June 22, 2005	43
Myths tested: Is the brace position recommended in airplane crashes actually designed to kill people? Is driving while talking on the cell phone as dangerous as driving drunk?				
34	10	" <u>Bulletproof Water</u> " ^[5]	July 13, 2005	44
Myths tested: Will diving underwater protect a person from bullets? Can a person swing 360° on a swing set?				
SP8	Special-7	" <u>Jaws Special</u> " ^[5]	July 17, 2005	45
Myths tested: Will a scuba tank explode if shot? Can piano wire be used to catch a shark? Can a shark ram through a boat or shark cage? Can a shark hold three flotation barrels under water? Note: This is a special double-length episode. It was a <u>Jaws</u> -themed episode.				
35	11	" <u>Border Slingshot</u> " ^[5]	July 27, 2005	46
Myths tested: Is it possible to slingshot a person over the border and onto a mattress?				
36	12	" <u>Killer Tissue Box</u> " ^[5]	August 3, 2005	47
Myths tested: Can a tissue box in the back of a car kill the driver if the car crashes? Is it possible to split an arrow by hitting it with another?				
37	13	" <u>Escape Slide Parachute</u> " ^[5]	August 10, 2005	48

Myths tested: Can a person make a parachute with an airplane escape slide or life raft? Will hair cream explode in the right conditions and decapitate the pilot of a fighter plane? Can a stewardess survive a 33,000-foot fall while still strapped into her seat?				
38	14	" <u>MythBusters Revisited</u> " ^[5]	October 12, 2005	49
Myths tested: Can a person be blown away by a bullet? (Revisit of: <u>Blown Away</u>) Can a bullet cause explosive decompression and tear a plane apart? (Revisit of: <u>Explosive Decompression</u>) Is running better than walking to keep dry in the rain? (Revisit of: <u>Who Gets Wetter?</u>) If someone falls off a building, can that person glide to safety using a sheet of plywood? (Revisit of: <u>Plywood Builder</u>) Does a person save more gas by driving with the AC on instead of having the windows down? (Revisit of: <u>AC vs. Windows Down</u>) Can a gas tank explode when shot by a bullet? (Revisit of: <u>Car Capers</u>) Will a black car heat faster than a white one?				
39	15	" <u>Chinese Invasion Alarm</u> " ^[5]	October 19, 2005	50
Myths tested: Could the Ancient Chinese have used drums to listen for tunneling invaders? Is the five second rule true?				
40	16	" <u>Confederate Rocket</u> " ^[5]	October 26, 2005	51
Myths tested: Did the Confederates really have a two-stage rocket capable of traveling 100 miles from Richmond to DC?				
41	17	" <u>Vodka Myths</u> " ^[5]	November 2, 2005	52
Myths tested: Can two semi-trucks collide head-on and completely crush a compact car? Can vodka cure foot odor or bad breath?				
42	18	" <u>Steel Toe-Cap Amputation</u> " ^[5]	November 9, 2005	53
Myths tested: Do steel toe boots really put toes in more danger than a regular boot, to the extent that the steel toe would chop off the wearer's toes? Can <u>bottle rockets</u> be used to launch a human?				
43	19	" <u>Seasickness – Kill or Cure</u> " ^[5]	November 16, 2005	54
Myths tested: What is the best cure for seasickness? Is it more efficient to drive a truck with its tailgate up than down? Can sticking one's finger in a gun barrel stop a bullet?				

2006 season

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44	1	" <u>Paper Crossbow</u> " ^[6]	January 11, 2006	55
Myths tested: Can a deadly crossbow be made from materials available to prison inmates? Can vodka remove the smell of cigarettes from clothes, kill bees like an insecticide, or be used as a bathroom cleaner?				
45	2	" <u>Shredded Plane</u> " ^[6]	January 18, 2006	56
Myths tested: What caused a plane to be shredded? Can a fire be started by rubbing sticks together, with a bullet, or with ice?				
46	3	" <u>Archimedes Death Ray</u> " ^[6]	January 25, 2006	57
Myths tested: Can an array of bronze mirrors set a wooden ship on fire? (Revisit of: <u>Ancient Death Ray</u>) Note: This is the first appearance of "Mythtern" <u>Jess Nelson</u> .				
47	4	" <u>Helium Football</u> " ^[6]	February 1, 2006	58
Myths tested: Can a football fly farther if it is filled with helium? Is it possible for a human to catch a bullet in his teeth?				
48	5	" <u>Franklin's Kite</u> " ^[6]	March 8, 2006	59
Myths tested: Could a kite struck by lightning in a storm kill the person holding it? Are various flatulence myths true?				
49	6	" <u>Cell Phones on Planes</u> " ^[6]	March 15, 2006 ^[7]	60
Myths tested: Can a cell phone cause a plane to crash? Can a person fly away on a raft filled with helium?				
50	7	" <u>Bullets Fired Up</u> " ^[6]	April 19, 2006	61
Myths tested: Can a bullet fired straight up in the air kill someone on the way back down? Can vodka cure poison oak and remove band-aids painlessly? If low-end vodka is charcoal-filtered, will it become a top-shelf vodka?				
51	8	" <u>Myths Re-Opened</u> " ^[6]	April 26, 2006	62
Myths tested: Is it possible to split an arrow by hitting it with another? (Revisit of: <u>Splitting an Arrow</u>) Can a hybrid rocket be propelled with salami? Can a modern firearm be fired if completely submerged in water?				
52	9	" <u>Mind Control</u> " ^[6]	May 3, 2006	63
Myths tested: Can mind control be achieved by various techniques? Can a room be painted with dynamite?				
53	10	" <u>Exploding Pants</u> " ^[6]	May 10, 2006	64
Myths tested: Is it possible for pants to spontaneously explode? Do various fuel efficiency methods work?				

54	11	" <u>Crimes and Myth-Demeanors 1</u> " ^[6]	July 12, 2006	65
Myths tested: Can a laser alarm be defeated? Can a metal duct be stealthily climbed using magnets? Can a pressure switch be defeated? How easy is it to crack a safe? Can a hole be easily cut into a pane of glass without setting off a sound alarm?				
55	12	" <u>Steam Cannon</u> " ^[6]	July 19, 2006	66
Myths tested: Did <u>Archimedes</u> make a cannon using steam power? Is a cardboard cereal box more nutritious than the sugary cereal inside?				
56	13	" <u>Whirlpool/Snowplow</u> " ^[6]	July 26, 2006	67
Myths tested: Can a whirlpool really kill somebody? Can a snowplow driving down the road push enough air to flip a passing car over?				
57	14	" <u>Mentos and Soda</u> " ^[6]	August 9, 2006	68
Myths tested: Why does dropping Mentos into a bottle of Diet Coke create a geyser effect? Can a stamp affixed to a helicopter's rotor blade make it crash?				
58	15	" <u>Shattering Subwoofer</u> " ^[6]	August 16, 2006	69
Myths tested: Can speaker power alone destroy a car? Will driving faster on a bumpy road smooth out the ride?				
59	16	" <u>Crimes and Myth-Demeanors 2</u> " ^[6]	August 23, 2006	70
Myths tested: Can fingerprint scanners, sonar, or thermal alarms be foiled? Can a glass re-locking safe be blown up by filling it with water?				
60	17	" <u>Earthquake Machine</u> " ^[6]	August 30, 2006	71
Myths tested: Can a machine designed by Nikola Tesla actually create a miniature earthquake or collapse a structure? Can a lava lamp explode if heated on the stove?				
61	18	" <u>Deadly Straw</u> " ^[6]	September 6, 2006	72
Myths tested: Can a hurricane blow a piece of straw through a tree? According to Primary Perception, do all living things share an interconnected consciousness?				
SP9	Special- 1	" <u>Mega Movie Myths</u> " ^[6]	September 13, 2006	73
Myths tested: Can shooting locks really open a door? Can a car be fitted with an ejection seat? Can a car drive up a ramp, fly through the air, land, and drive away? Can a person shoot a hole through a floor and fall through? Will awnings help break a fall from a building? Can a sword cut another sword in half? Note: This is a special double-length episode.				
62	19	" <u>Killer Cable Snaps</u> " ^[6]	October 11, 2006	74
Myths tested: If a steel cable under high tension snaps, could it cut a human in half? Can sounds and vibrations be recorded into the grooves of ancient pottery?				
63	20	" <u>Air Cylinder Rocket</u> " ^[6]	October 18, 2006	75

Myths tested: Can an air cylinder go straight through a cinder-block wall or propel a boat? Can an engine run on gunpowder alone?				
64	21	" <u>More Myths Revisited</u> " ^[6]	October 25, 2006	76
Myths tested: Can a hybrid rocket be propelled with salami? (Revisit of: <u>Salami Rocket</u>) Is it more efficient to drive a truck with its tailgate up than down? (Revisit of: <u>Tailgate Up vs. Tailgate Down</u>) Can a sword slice a machine gun barrel? Can bracing a windshield keep it from shattering? Does a plastic mesh tailgate provide superior fuel efficiency compared to the standard metal tailgate?				
65	22	" <u>Exploding Lighter</u> " ^[6]	November 1, 2006	77
Myths tested: Can a disposable lighter explode with lethal force? Are various gunslinger myths true?				
66	23	" <u>Concrete Glider</u> " ^[6]	November 8, 2006	78
Myths tested: Can a working glider be made out of concrete? Can a passing train suck a person onto the tracks?				
67	24	" <u>Firearms Folklore</u> " ^[6]	November 29, 2006	79
Myths tested: Can a bullet travel through a sniper's scope and kill him? Can a fired bullet lodge in the chamber of a revolver? Can two colliding bullets fuse in mid air? If two metal hammers are struck together, will they explode?				
68	25	" <u>Anti-Gravity Device</u> " ^[6]	December 6, 2006	80
Myths tested: Is anti-gravity possible? Can too many lights on a Christmas tree cause it to light on fire? Can vodka help to ease the pain of a jellyfish sting?				
SP10	Special- 2	" <u>Holiday Special</u> " ^[6]	December 6, 2006	81
Myths tested: Can a falling frozen turkey break a person's foot or kill a pet? Can a turkey be cooked by exposing it to a radar or microwave transmitter antenna? Do various methods work keeping the needles of a Christmas tree from falling off? Can a holiday-themed Rube Goldberg machine be built within a week's time? Note: This is a special episode. This is the first episode to air the new opening sequence and to film in high definition.				
69	26	" <u>22,000-Foot Fall</u> " ^[6]	December 13, 2006	82
Myths tested: Is it possible to survive a 22,000-foot fall using the blast from a 1000-pound bomb to break the fall? Is electricity saved by switching off the lights when leaving a room?				

2007 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
70	1	" <u>Hindenberg Mystery</u> " ^[8]	January 10, 2007	83
Myths tested: Was the <u>Hindenburg disaster</u> actually caused by the doping compound with which the <u>LZ 129 Hindenburg</u> was painted? Can running in a zig-zag line save a person from a crocodile?				
71	2	" <u>Pirate Special</u> " ^[8]	January 17, 2007	84
Myths tested: Can a person jab a knife in a boat's sail, ride down the sail, and land safely on the deck? Does an eyepatch help someone see in the dark? Are the splinters made by a cannonball fired at wood more lethal than the cannonball itself? Can rum be used to clean cloth? Note: This is a special double-length episode.				
72	3	" <u>Underwater Car</u> " ^[8]	January 24, 2007	85
Myths tested: How can someone escape from a sinking car? Can paper be folded in half more than seven times?				
73	4	" <u>Speed Cameras</u> " ^[8]	March 7, 2007	86
Myths tested: Is it possible to beat a speed-tracking camera? Can a defibrillator cause nitroglycerin patches to explode?				
74	5	" <u>Dog Myths</u> " ^[8]	March 14, 2007	87
Myths tested: Is there any way to prevent a <u>bloodhound</u> from tracking one's scent? Is it possible to get past a guard dog? Can an old dog be taught new tricks?				
75	6	" <u>More Myths Revisited</u> " ^[8] " <u>More Myths Reopened</u> " ^[9]	March 21, 2007	88
Myths tested: Can explosives packed in a trombone cause the slide to rocket off it? (Revisit of: <u>The Mad Trombonist</u>) Can a bullet travel through a sniper's scope and kill him? (Revisit of: <u>Firearms Folklore</u>) Can sticking one's finger in a gun barrel stop a bullet? (Revisit of: <u>Finger in a Barrel</u>) If two metal hammers are struck together, or a hammer strikes an anvil, can they shatter with lethal force? (Revisit of: <u>Hammer vs. Hammer</u>) Can a rifle fired with a <u>boresight</u> in the barrel backfire and explode, creating a cartoon-like banana peel effect?				
76	7	" <u>Voice Flame Extinguisher</u> " ^[8]	April 11, 2007	89
Myths tested: Can a human voice extinguish a flame? Can hypnotists plant suggestions in unwilling patients? Can hypnosis help bring back dormant memories?				
77	8	" <u>Birds in a Truck</u> " ^[8]	April 18, 2007	90
Myths tested: Do birds flying in a trailer cause the trailer to become lighter? Will a boat crashing into a channel marker cleave itself in half?				
78	9	" <u>Walking on Water</u> " ^[8]	April 25, 2007	91

Myths tested: Is it possible to walk on water? Can a speeding arrow be snatched out of the air? Can a sword be stopped with one's bare hands?				
79	10	" <u>Western Myths</u> " ^[8]	May 30, 2007	92
Myths tested: Can someone's hat be shot off? Is it possible to break someone out of jail with horses? Can an airbag turn a lock-pick into a lethal spear?				
80	11	" <u>Big Rig Myths</u> " ^[8]	June 6, 2007	93
Myths tested: Can a big rig's tire explode with deadly force? Can fuel be saved by tailgating a semi-trailer truck? Can a car be driven onto a truck's extended ramp at highway speeds?				
81	12	" <u>Grenades and Guts</u> " ^[8]	June 13, 2007	94
Myths tested: Can sacrificially jumping on a grenade save others' lives? Does self-hypnosis work? Can a combination of Diet Coke and Mentos make one's stomach explode?				
82	13	" <u>Snow Special</u> " ^[8]	June 20, 2007	95
Myths tested: Can yodeling actually set off an avalanche? Do cars have better traction on ice while driving backwards? Note: This is a special episode.				
83	14	" <u>Baseball Myths</u> " ^[8]	August 8, 2007	96
Myths tested: Can a baseball be hit hard enough to remove its covering? Can dry balls be hit farther than humid ones? Does sliding into a base get a person there faster? Can balls be hit further with a corked bat? Note: <u>Roger Clemens</u> was a special guest on this episode.				
84	15	" <u>Viewers' Special</u> " ^[8]	August 15, 2007	97
Myths tested: Can a person's eyes pop out while sneezing with eyes open? Can shifting to reverse stop a runaway car? Can three cigarette butts fired from a black-powder rifle kill a person at 7 ft? Note: This is a special episode.				
85	16	" <u>Red Rag to a Bull</u> " ^[8]	August 22, 2007	98
Myths tested: Are bulls really aggravated by the color red? Can ammunition stored in the oven be lethal? Can firearm cartridges thrown in a campfire kill a person? Do bulls in a china shop really cause complete destruction?				
86	17	" <u>Superhero Hour</u> " ^[8]	August 29, 2007	99
Myths tested: Is it possible to climb a building with a motorized grappling hook? Will getting punched by someone wearing a ring leave a ring-shaped imprint? Can a costume be changed in a phone booth? Is it possible to rig a grappling hook onto a car, shoot it at a steel structure, and use it to swing around a 90° corner at high speed?				
87	18	" <u>Myth Revolution</u> " ^[8]	September 5, 2007	100

Myths tested: Can the speed camera be beaten? (Revisit of: Speed Cameras) Can a ninja deflect a bullet with his palm? Can a person breathe from a car tire underwater? Will an RFID chip explode in an MRI scanner?				
88	19	" Trailblazers " ^[8]	October 31, 2007	101
Myths tested: Will a flaming trail of gasoline from a moving vehicle catch up to its tank and cause it to explode? Can a person outrun a trail of burning gunpowder? Can a person be burned by a defibrillator if wearing an underwire bra or a nipple ring?				
89	20	" Exploding Water Heater " ^[8]	November 7, 2007	102
Myths tested: Can a water heater explode like a rocket and shoot through the roof of a house? If a person is being dragged by a horse, can the friction caused by the movement make the jeans catch on fire? Can shrinking jeans by wearing them in a hot bath kill someone?				
90	21	" Special Supersized Myths " ^[8]	November 14, 2007	103
Myths tested: Are sharks attracted by low-frequency sound waves transmitted through water? Does the presence of dolphins deter sharks from attacking their prey? Can the jet exhaust from a Boeing 747 flip a taxi, school bus, or small plane? (Revisit of: Jet Taxi) Can a JATO rocket launch a car through the air? (Revisit of: JATO Car) Can a person waterski behind a cruise ship? Note: This is a double-length episode. Former MythBuster Scottie Chapman reappeared in this episode to assist in the testing.				
91	22	" Shooting Fish in a Barrel " ^[8]	November 21, 2007	104
Myths tested: Is shooting fish in a barrel really as easy as the proverb says? What is the most effective cure for pain caused by hot chili peppers? Are elephants really afraid of mice?				
92	23	" Pirates 2 " ^[8]	November 28, 2007	105
Myths tested: Is it possible to use a rowboat as a submarine? Can one escape if buried in the sand up to the neck? What kind of projectiles would pirates use in a cannon if they run out of cannonballs? Note: This is a special episode.				
93	24	" Confederate Steam Gun " ^[8]	December 5, 2007	106
Myths tested: Did the Confederates really build a lethal steam-powered machine gun? Is it possible to fool a modern polygraph test?				
94	25	" Airplane Hour " ^[8]	December 12, 2007	107
Myths tested: Can a person with no flight training safely land a jet airliner while being assisted by the traffic controllers over the radio? If a person jumps out of an airplane with the last parachute, can another person jump out later and catch the person? Is it possible to hold a conversation while falling at terminal velocity? Does a 4,000-foot fall take 90 seconds?				

2008 season

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95	1	"James Bond, Part 1" ^[10]	January 16, 2008	108
Myths tested: Can a bullet from a 9 mm handgun ignite a propane tank? Can a watch-sized electromagnet deflect a bullet? Can a speed boat jump off of a ramp, land in the water, and continue to operate safely? Note: This is a special <i>James Bond</i> -theme episode.				
96	2	"Lead Balloon" ^[10]	January 23, 2008	109
Myths tested: Can a lead balloon fly? Is it possible to surf a wave caused by an explosion?				
97	3	"Airplane on a Conveyor Belt" ^[10]	January 30, 2008	110
Myths tested: Can an airplane take off while on a conveyor belt? Can cockroaches, fruit flies, and flour beetles survive extreme levels of radiation? Can defrosting shaving cream fill up an entire car?				
98	4	"James Bond, Part 2" ^[10]	February 6, 2008	111
Myths tested: Can 007's exploding ballpoint pen blow a test dummy in half? Can a bowler hat rigged with a steel ring knock the head off a statue? Can a steel jaw sever a steel cable? Note: This is a special episode.				
99	5	"Viewers' Special 2" ^[10]	February 13, 2008	112
Myths tested: Can a person slide down a steel cable using a pair of blue jeans? Does eye black help athletes see? Can a spark follow a trail of gunpowder leaking from a barrel, catch up with it, and explode? Can a tree be cut down using a machine gun? Note: This is a special episode. It was the final appearance of "Mythtern" <u>Jess Nelson</u> .				
100	6	"MacGyver Myths" ^[10]	February 20, 2008	113
Myths tested: Can a person blow a man-sized hole in a wall with one gram of sodium reacting with water? Could MacGyver have built an ultralight airplane from bamboo, trash bags, duct tape, and a cement mixer? How well will Jamie and Adam perform in a MacGyver challenge? Note: This is a special episode.				
101	7	"Alaska Special" ^[10]	April 23, 2008	114
Myths tested: Does cabin fever exist? Does accelerating into a moose cause less damage than braking? Can a single stick of dynamite with a 20 second fuse be thrown, retrieved by a dog, and detonate under an SUV causing it to sink into a frozen lake? Note: This is a special episode.				
102	8	"Shark Week Special 2" ^[10]	July 27, 2008	115
Myths tested: Can sharks detect a struggling fish? Do dogs attract sharks? Does chili powder repel sharks? Will a pack of sharks ignore a person who is playing dead?				

<p>Do spots of light attract sharks? Could a person being attacked by a shark reach its eye while inside its mouth? Note: This is a special double-length episode.</p>				
103	9	"Exploding Steak" ^[10]	August 6, 2008	116
<p>Myths tested: Can steak be tenderized with explosives? Does driving while angry decrease fuel efficiency?</p>				
104	10	"NASA Moon Landing" ^[10]	August 27, 2008	117
<p>Myths tested: Were some of the photos from the Moon landing fake? Can you bounce a laser off the Moon? Was the film from the Moon faked, and just slowed down? Will a feather and a hammer drop at the same rate in a vacuum? Could a footprint be made like the one on the Moon? Could the flag have flapped like it did on the Moon?</p>				
105	11	"Viral Hour" ^[10]	September 3, 2008	118
<p>Myths tested: Is it possible to lift a car using fire hoses? Do goats faint while getting scared? Can "invisible water" be created to make it look as if a tin foil boat is floating in the air? Can a person create a huge fireball by firing a cloud of sawdust and ignite it with a flare?</p>				
106	12	"Phone Book Friction" ^[10]	September 10, 2008	119
<p>Myths tested: Are two interlaced phone books impossible to pull apart by any means? Can a shark be blown up like they did in <i>Deep Blue Sea</i>?</p>				
107	13	"Water Stun Gun" ^[10]	September 17, 2008	120
<p>Myths tested: Can a conventional electric stun gun be turned into a water-powered electric stun gun? Is firewalking real? Can a fire be put out by placing a fire extinguisher into it?</p>				
108	14	"Blind Driving" ^[10]	October 8, 2008	121
<p>Myths tested: Can a blind man drive a car if given instructions by his passenger? Is it better to play through a tree than around it in golf? Can an explosion in a gopher hole cause a golf ball near the edge of the hole to fall in? Does wearing shoes with metal cleats increase one's chances of getting struck by lightning?</p>				
109	15	"Ninjas 2" ^[10]	October 15, 2008	122
<p>Myths tested: Can a ninja catch an arrow mid-flight? (Revisit of: <i>Catching an Arrow</i>) Could a ninja hide underwater, breathing through a bamboo reed, long enough to attack an enemy with a poison blow-dart? Is Bruce Lee's famous one-inch punch really effective? Note: This is a special episode.</p>				
110	16	"Alcohol Myths" ^[10]	October 22, 2008	123
<p>Myths tested: Does drinking alcohol make people look more attractive? Do alleged ways of sobering up really work? Could the ancient Korean <i>Hwacha</i> actually do what is claimed?</p>				
111	17	"Motorcycle Flip" ^[10]	October 29, 2008	124
<p>Myths tested: Will a motorcycle flip if a pole is thrust into the front wheel? Can someone break out of prison with a rope made of toilet paper, human hair, or bedsheets?</p>				

112	18	"Coffin Punch" ^[10]	November 5, 2008	125
Myths tested: What household objects are bulletproof? Once buried alive inside a coffin, is it possible to punch your way through the coffin and dig yourself out?				
113	19	"End With a Bang" ^[10]	November 12, 2008	126
Myths tested: Is it really true that one cannot polish dung? Is hitting the ground with running legs faster than a standing start? Is it really best to end with a bang?				
SP12	Special- 1	"Viewer Special Threequel" ^[11]	November 19, 2008	127
Myths tested: Could a torture technique consisting of growing a bamboo through a victim's body have worked? Does dropping alkali metals in a water-filled bathtub result in a huge explosion? Does brandy, such as carried by Saint Bernards, really prevent hypothermia? Does lighting a piano on fire make it explode? Note: This is a special episode.				

2009 season

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114	1	"Demolition Derby" ^[12]	April 8, 2009	128
<p>Myths tested: When a bus is moving at over 50 miles per hour, will moving passengers to the inside of the turn keep the bus from flipping? Will a fruit stand drive through, chain link gate crash, caravan collision, and semi trailer shave leave the driver unharmed and able to continue in a high-speed pursuit? Will a car dropped from 4,000 feet fall faster than a speeding car? Can two big rigs that collide head on completely flatten a compact car between them? Note: This is a double-length special episode.</p>				
115	2	"Alaska Special" ^[12] "Alaska Special 2" ^[13]	April 15, 2009	129
<p>Myths tested: Is pykrete tougher than ice, bulletproof, and durable enough to make a boat out of? Can a V-shaped snowplow really split a car in two? Note: This is a special episode.</p>				
116	3	"Banana Slip/Double-Dip" ^[12]	April 22, 2009	130
<p>Myths tested: Can a banana peel really cause one to slip? Does double dipping cause germ warfare? Can you really make a homemade diamond?</p>				
117	4	"YouTube Special" ^[12]	April 29, 2009	131
<p>Myths tested: Do match heads alone have the explosive punch to fire a homemade cannon? Can a 7-foot ball of Lego blocks become a rolling weapon of mass destruction? Can a car tire burst into flames if it spins fast enough? Note: This is a special YouTube-themed episode.</p>				
118	5	"Swimming in Syrup" ^[12]	May 6, 2009	132
<p>Myths tested: Can a person swim faster in syrup than in water? Can two targets be hit with one shot by splitting a bullet on an axe blade? Can a steel door be blown open by the gunpowder from six bullets?</p>				
119	6	"Exploding Bumper" ^[12]	May 13, 2009	133
<p>Myths tested: Can a car bumper explode? Did Hungarian archers get twice the penetration shooting a bow from a galloping horse?</p>				
120	7	"Seesaw Saga" ^[12]	May 20, 2009	134
<p>Myths tested: Could a skydiver whose parachute failed to open hit a playground seesaw and send a small girl flying seven stories high, and she could still survive?</p>				
121	8	"Thermite vs. Ice" ^[12]	May 27, 2009	135
<p>Myths tested: Could thermite placed on top of blocks of ice set off an explosion? Could a car stereo set off an SKS rifle? Could a person's thumb be severed while firing a hunting pistol?</p>				
122	9	"Prison Escape" ^[12]	June 3, 2009	136

Myths tested: Could a human hang on to the roof of a speeding car? Can dental floss be used to cut through the steel bars of a prison? Can a prisoner fire the ball from his ball-and-chain via a ceremonial cannon, launch himself over the prison wall, and survive?				
123	10	" <u>Curving Bullets</u> " ^[12]	June 10, 2009	137
Myths tested: Can a sonic shock wave shatter glass? Is it possible to bend bullets around obstacles, like in the movie <i>Wanted</i> ?				
124	11	" <u>Car vs. Rain</u> " ^[12]	June 17, 2009	138
Myths tested: Will driving a convertible faster in the rain help a person stay drier than stopping and putting the top on? Can popcorn be cooked with lasers or explosions?				
125	12	" <u>Knock Your Socks Off</u> " ^[12]	October 7, 2009	139
Myths tested: If one bullet is fired horizontally and the other is dropped vertically, simultaneously from the same height, will they hit the ground at the same time? Can someone really be knocked out of their socks?				
126	13	" <u>Duct Tape Hour</u> " ^[12]	October 14, 2009	140
Myths tested: Is it possible to lift a car using nothing but duct tape? Can duct tape plug holes in the bottom of boats? Can you create a working sail-boat out of duct tape? Can duct tape be used to construct a potato cannon instead of glue? Is it possible to build a working cannon using duct tape?				
127	14	" <u>Clean Car vs. Dirty Car</u> " ^[12]	October 21, 2009	141
Myths tested: Does a dirty car get better gas mileage than a clean one? Why are dimples crucial to the flight of golf balls? Is a hangover caused by beer less severe than one caused by a mixture of beer and liquor?				
128	15	" <u>Greased Lightning</u> " ^[12]	October 28, 2009	142
Myths tested: Can a 30-foot fireball be created with an oil pan fire? Does microwaving C-4 cause it to explode? Can cheese fired from a cannon pierce a sail?				
129	16	" <u>Hurricane Windows</u> " ^[12]	November 4, 2009	143
Myths tested: Will opening all of the windows of a house during a hurricane lessen the damage caused to the structure? Will a human head that has been dipped in liquid nitrogen for 5 seconds shatter when slammed into a table? Will a Christmas tree explode if frozen using liquid nitrogen?				
130	17	" <u>Crash and Burn</u> " ^[12]	November 11, 2009 (US) ^[12] November 2, 2009 (UK) ^[14]	144
Myths tested: Does a car explode when driven off a cliff? Can a huge rocket launch a cage holding a human, and would the person survive?				
131	18	" <u>Myth Evolution</u> " ^[12]	November 18, 2009	145
Myths tested: Can an exploding water heater pass through the second story of a house? Can a person shoot around a corner accurately using a variety of methods? Can someone hold on to a car while being driven through cardboard boxes? Can liquid nitrogen be used to pick a lock? Can a rocket-powered snowplow split a car in two?				

132	19	" <u>Dumpster Diving</u> " ^[12]	November 25, 2009	146
<p>Myths tested: Can a person jump from a rooftop into a dumpster and walk away? Can a deep-sea diver's body be crushed into his helmet if his air hose breaks? Note: <u>Kari Byron</u> goes on maternity leave and <u>Jessi Combs</u> joins the Build Team as her replacement.</p>				
133	20	" <u>Antacid Jail Break</u> " ^[12]	December 2, 2009	147
<p>Myths tested: Can <u>antacid</u> tablets be used to blow a prison cell open? Can a person drive safely on a moonless night without using his headlights?</p>				
134	21	" <u>Unarmed and Unharmed</u> " ^[12]	December 9, 2009	148
<p>Myths tested: Can a cowboy shoot a gun out of a person's hand without injuring him? Is the 50-foot bus jump seen in <i>Speed</i> possible in real life?</p>				
135	22	" <u>Hidden Nasties</u> " ^[12]	December 16, 2009	149
<p>Myths tested: Can you skip a car over a lake? Is a toilet seat cleaner than other household items?</p>				
136	23	" <u>Mini-Myth Mayhem</u> " ^[12]	December 28, 2009	150
<p>Myths tested: Can you mail a coconut without packaging? Can you light a match with a bullet? Can you make a candle out of earwax? Can you make someone urinate involuntarily by putting their hand in a bowl of warm water while they sleep? Can you make your own gunpowder, shoot it out of a bamboo cannon, and walk away? Can you touch molten lead without burning your skin? Note: This episode is dedicated to Erik Gates, who died in a construction accident unrelated to rocketry.</p>				

2010 season

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137	1	" <u>Boomerang Bullet</u> " ^[15]	January 4, 2010	151
Myths tested: Can you accidentally kill yourself with a bullet that ricochets off three walls? Could a medieval army have used trees to catapult dead bodies over a castle wall?				
138	2	" <u>Soda Cup Killer</u> " ^[15]	March 24, 2010	152
Myths tested: If a cup filled with soda was tossed out the window of a car, would it penetrate the windshield of a passing car, killing the driver? Can you really hang from the edge of a building like in the movies? Note: This is <u>Jessi Combs</u> 's final appearance as a member of the Build Team.				
139	3	" <u>Dive to Survive</u> " ^[15]	March 31, 2010 ^[16]	153
Myths tested: Can you escape an explosive shockwave by diving in water? Can you bulletproof a car using nothing but phone books? Note: <u>Kari Byron</u> returns from maternity leave.				
140	4	" <u>Spy Car Escape</u> " ^[15]	April 7, 2010	154
Myths tested: Can an object fired backward from a vehicle moving forward simply fall to the ground? Do the movie spy car tricks to escape a chasing car work?				
141	5	" <u>Bottle Bash</u> " ^[15]	April 14, 2010	155
Myths tested: Is it worse to have an empty beer bottle smashed over your head than a full one? Could ancient armies have used animal hides to build their cannons?				
142	6	" <u>No Pain, No Gain</u> " ^[15]	April 28, 2010 ^[17]	156
Myths tested: Are some types of people more tolerant to pain? Can a BBQ propane tank heat up enough in a fire to launch through a garage roof like a rocket?				
143	7	" <u>Mythssion Control</u> " ^[15]	May 5, 2010	157
Myths tested: Can someone really be knocked out of their socks? (Revisit of: Knock Your Socks Off) Is the force exerted between two cars crashing into each other at 50 mph the same as a single car hitting a wall at 50 mph?				
144	8	" <u>Duct Tape Hour 2</u> " ^[15]	May 12, 2010	158
Myths tested: Can duct tape be used to build a bridge? Can duct tape be used to fix a car? Can duct tape be used to hold a car in place? Can duct tape be used to stop a car going 60 miles per hour? Note: This is a special episode.				
145	9	" <u>Waterslide Wipeout</u> " ^[15]	May 19, 2010	159
Myths tested: Can a person be launched 115 feet into a kiddie pool from a giant waterslide? Can a mail delivery truck taking only right turns save gas?				
146	10	" <u>Fireball Stun Gun</u> " ^[15]	June 2, 2010	160

Myths tested: Does pepper spray, a flannel shirt, and a stun gun cause massive fireball? Can fireworks really launch a person over a lake?				
147	11	" <u>Flu Fiction</u> " ^[15]	June 9, 2010	161
Myths tested: Can a sneeze leave a person's nose at around 100 mph? Can sneeze droplets travel up to 30 ft? Can nasal secretions contaminate a room quickly? Can you be decapitated by a tornado?				
SP14	Special- 1	" <u>Top 25 Moments</u> " ^[15]	June 16, 2010 ^[18]	162
The top 25 moments of <i>MythBusters</i> are counted down by the cast with additional comments. Note: This is a special double-length clip-show episode.				
148	12	" <u>Hair of the Dog</u> " ^[15]	October 6, 2010	163
Myths tested: Is there any way to prevent a bloodhound from tracking one's scent? (Revisit of: <u>Foil the Bloodhound</u>) Is it possible to fool a dog trained to sniff out contraband?				
149	13	" <u>Storm Chasing Myths</u> " ^[15]	October 13, 2010	164
Myths tested: Are the Storm Chasers' vehicles fit to withstand force 5 tornado speeds? Is it possible to build a personal tornado protection device? Note: This is a special episode. It is a <u>crossover episode</u> with <i>Storm Chasers</i> and is dedicated to honorary MythBuster Sanjay Singh.				
150	14	" <u>Cold Feet</u> " ^[15]	October 20, 2010	165
Myths tested: When you get "cold feet", do your feet actually get colder? When the poop hits the fan, does everyone get covered in the ensuing chaos?				
151	15	" <u>Tablecloth Chaos</u> " ^[15]	October 27, 2010	166
Myths tested: Can a motorcycle pull a tablecloth out from under a setting for a banquet? Do humans really use only 10% of their brain?				
152	16	" <u>Arrow Machine Gun</u> " ^[15]	November 3, 2010 (US) ^[15] October 25, 2010 (UK) ^[19]	167
Myths tested: Did the Greeks create an arrow machine gun that offered the speed, distance, and precision that modern machine guns do? Is driving while tired worse than driving while tipsy?				
153	17	" <u>Mini Myth Madness</u> " ^[15]	November 10, 2010	168
Myths tested: Can a scuba diver wear a tuxedo underneath his drysuit, go underwater, resurface, strip off his scuba gear, and be able to present the tuxedo perfectly? Can a car's tire pressure affect its fuel efficiency? Can a laptop stop a bullet from point-blank range? Can a hair weave stop a .40 caliber bullet? Can a fridge door stop a round of 9mm bullets? Out of using your elbow, using your hand, and using a handkerchief to cover your mouth when you sneeze, which is the best way to limit the spread of germs? Is it easy to take candy from a baby? Can a bottle of beer, when given a sudden shock, turn from a liquid and freeze into a solid?				
154	18	" <u>Reverse Engineering</u> " ^[15]	November 17, 2010 (US) ^[15] November 8, 2010 (UK) ^[19]	169

Myths tested: Does a certain 1970s sports car become more aerodynamic if the body is turned backwards? Can a surfboard be launched through the windscreen of a car and be lethal, like in the movie <i>Lethal Weapon 2</i> ?				
155	19	" <u>Inverted Underwater Car</u> " ^[15]	November 24, 2010	170
Myths tested: Is it more difficult to escape from a sinking car that flips upside down than from one that remains right-side up? Can a carton of milk keep a pistol's muzzle flash from igniting a room full of flammable gas?				
156	20	" <u>Bug Special</u> " ^[15]	December 1, 2010	171
Myths tested: Can honey bees lift a laptop? Can hitting a bug at high speeds on a motorcycle be fatal? Can hanging a bag of water repel flies?				
157	21	" <u>President's Challenge</u> " ^[15]	December 8, 2010	172
Myths tested: Can mirrors be used to make a death ray? (Revisit of: <u>Ancient Death Ray</u>) Is it possible to make a moving SUV flip end-over-end by punching down on the hood, like in the film <i>Hellboy</i> ? Note: <u>President Obama</u> made a special appearance challenging Adam and Jamie to revisit the "Ancient Death Ray" myth.				
158	22	" <u>Green Hornet Special</u> " ^[15]	December 15, 2010	173
Myths tested: Can a buried car use onboard explosives to blast a bulldozer out of the way without injuring the passengers? If a bullet-riddled car gets stuck in a rising elevator, will the ceiling cut it in half, and can the front end be driven away? Note: <u>Seth Rogen</u> makes a special appearance, challenging the cast to replicate two scenes from his film <i>The Green Hornet</i> .				
159	23	" <u>Operation Valkyrie</u> " ^[20]	December 22, 2010	174
Myths tested: Did <u>Adolf Hitler</u> survive <u>Operation Valkyrie</u> only because he was in a conference room instead of an underground bunker? Can you literally knock some sense into a person by slapping them?				

2011 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
160	1	"Mission Impossible Mask" ^[21]	April 6, 2011	175
<p>Myths tested: Can realistic facial masks be used to bypass security measures as shown in the <i>Mission: Impossible</i> television series? Is it possible to start a merry-go-round spinning by shooting bullets at it, as depicted in <i>Shoot 'Em Up</i>? Is it possible to knock a dropped gun out of reach by hitting it with bullets fired from another one?</p>				
161	2	"Blue Ice" ^[21]	April 13, 2011	176
<p>Myths tested: Can a magazine and toaster be used to blow up a room full of flammable gas, as depicted in <i>The Bourne Supremacy</i>? Can the contents of an airplane toilet leak out mid-flight and freeze into a lethal projectile?</p>				
162	3	"Running on Water" ^[21]	April 20, 2011	177
<p>Myths tested: Can a combination of footwear and technique allow a person to run on water? Can a person survive an explosion by hiding behind a table, a car, a dumpster, or a cinderblock wall?</p>				
163	4	"Bubble Trouble" ^[21]	April 27, 2011	178
<p>Myths tested: Can a person swim through bubbling water? Can an arrow with explosives split a tree in two?</p>				
164	5	"Torpedo Tastic" ^[21]	May 4, 2011	179
<p>Myths tested: Did the Syrians design a water-skimming torpedo as early as the 13th century? If a truckload of wine catches fire, will the bottles blow their corks 100 feet and sound like a machine gun?</p>				
165	6	"Blow Your Own Sail" ^[21]	May 11, 2011	180
<p>Myths tested: How well do movie sound effects compare to their real-world counterparts? Can a sailboat stranded in calm water start moving by blowing air into its sail with an onboard fan?</p>				
166	7	"Spy Car 2" ^[21]	May 18, 2011	181
<p>Myths tested: Can wheel spikes and a hood-mounted machine gun be used to disable a pursuing vehicle? Can a bullet spin in place after being fired onto the surface of a frozen lake?</p>				
167	8	"Dodge a Bullet" ^[21]	June 1, 2011	182
<p>Myths tested: Can a person dodge a bullet after it has been fired at him? Can a fall into water inflict the same injuries as one onto pavement from the same height?</p>				
168	9	"Fixing a Flat" ^[21]	June 8, 2011	183
<p>Myths tested: What can a driver use to replace a flat tire without a spare? Can a fishing reel catch fire with a fast enough fish on the line?</p>				
SP15	Special-1	"Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" ^[21]	June 15, 2011	184
<p>The MythBusters discuss 12 favorite myths involving forms of transportation. Note: This is a special episode.</p>				

169	10	" <u>Let There Be Light</u> " ^[21]	June 22, 2011	185
Myths tested: Can mirrors be used to reflect sunlight and illuminate a tomb, as depicted in <i>The Mummy</i> ? Can a runaway car be safely stopped if another driver pulls in front and slows down?				
170	11	" <u>Paper Armor</u> " ^[21]	June 29, 2011	186
Myths tested: Can a swimmer increase his chances of surviving an underwater explosion by floating at the surface? Did armies in ancient China use paper armor that was as effective as steel?				
171	12	" <u>Bikes and Bazookas</u> " ^[21]	September 28, 2011	187
Myths tested: Is a motorcycle more environmentally friendly than a car? Can a bullet take out an <u>RPG</u> ?				
172	13	" <u>Newton's Crane Cradle</u> " ^[21]	October 5, 2011	188
Myths tested: Will a super-sized <u>Newton's cradle</u> work? Can the weight of a bird be enough to tip a teetering car off of a cliff?				
173	14	" <u>Walk a Straight Line</u> " ^[21]	October 12, 2011	189
Myths tested: Is it impossible for humans to walk in a straight line without a point of reference? Will binary explosives explode in the case of a fender bender?				
174	15	" <u>Duct Tape Plane</u> " ^[21]	October 19, 2011	190
Myths tested: Can excavators row a barge, take you wakeboarding, or do acrobatics? Can you patch the fuselage of a plane with duct tape?				
175	16	" <u>Flying Guillotine</u> " ^[21]	October 26, 2011	191
Myths tested: Can <u>C4</u> be used as a cooking fuel? Can you make a throwing weapon that could decapitate an opponent and carry the head back to the thrower?				
176	17	" <u>Drain Disaster</u> " ^[21]	November 2, 2011	192
Myths tested: Will an explosion in a sewer launch a <u>manhole cover</u> as seen in many Hollywood films? Can <u>truck bedliner</u> withstand a car crash, a dog bite, and an explosion?				
SP16	Special- 2	" <u>Location, Location, Location</u> " ^[22]	November 9, 2011	193
The MythBusters discuss 12 favorite locations they have used for testing myths in the past. Note: This is a special episode.				
SP17	Special- 3	" <u>Wet and Wild</u> " ^[21]	November 16, 2011	194
The MythBusters count down their 12 favorite water-based myths from prior episodes. Note: This is a special episode.				
177	18	" <u>Wheel of Mythfortune</u> " ^[21]	November 23, 2011	195
Myths tested: Is it possible to re-inflate a flat tire and re-seat it on its rim by spraying in engine starting fluid and igniting it? How effective are various handgun firing stances? If a live grenade lands near a person, can he avoid shrapnel injuries by lying flat on the ground? Do people presented with the <u>Monty Hall problem</u> tend to stick with their first choice? Would people presented with the <u>Monty Hall problem</u> be more likely to win if they changed their decision?				
178	19	" <u>Toilet Bomb</u> " ^[21]	November 30, 2011	196

Myths tested:

If a pressure-triggered bomb is cooled with liquid nitrogen, can its detonation be delayed long enough for a person to seek protection, as seen in *Lethal Weapon 2*?

Can airplanes save fuel by flying in a V-formation like a flock of birds?

2012 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
179	1	"Duct Tape Island" ^[23]	March 25, 2012	197
Myths tested: Can a pallet of duct tape help you survive on a deserted island?				
180	2	"Fire vs. Ice" ^[23]	April 1, 2012	198
Myths tested: Can a fire extinguisher hold off a flamethrower? Can a fleet of cars kick up enough dust to blind a surveillance drone?				
181	3	"Square Wheels" ^[23]	April 8, 2012	199
Myths tested: Can a vehicle run as well on square wheels as it does on round ones? Can two cars stuck nose-to-nose really do the maneuvers shown in the film <i>Date Night</i> ?				
182	4	"Swinging Pirates" ^[23]	April 15, 2012	200
Myths tested: Can the swinging-cage rescue in <i>Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest</i> really be done? Can an oil drum filled with <u>methanol</u> work as a high speed go kart?				
183	5	"Battle of the Sexes" ^[23]	April 22, 2012	201
Myths tested: Are men better at driving than women? Are women better at reading facial emotions than men? Are men better at grilling than women? Are men better at following maps than women? Are men better at packing the car for a trip than women?				
184	6	"Driving in Heels" ^[23]	April 29, 2012	202
Myths tested: Does a driver's choice of footwear affect driving performance? Does a full bladder pose as much of a driving hazard as being legally intoxicated? Can superglue be used to turn a room upside down? Can superglue restrain a driver as well as a seat belt does during a collision?				
185	7	"Revenge of the Myth" ^[23]	May 6, 2012	203
Myths tested: Can fireworks really launch a person over a lake? (Revisit of: <u>Fireworks Man</u>) Can the weight of a bird be enough to tip a teetering car off of a cliff? (Revisit of: <u>Bird Balance</u>) Can a water heater turned on its side be used as a cannon? Can <u>excavators</u> be used to thread a needle or pour a glass of wine?				
186	8	"Bouncing Bullet" ^[23]	May 13, 2012	204
Myths tested: Can a bullet ricochet off pavement and up through a car's floorboard, as seen in <i>Burn Notice</i> ? Can you ride an explosion's shock wave to jump farther than you can under your own power?				
SP18	Special-1	"Mailbag Special" ^[23]	May 20, 2012	205
Myths tested: Can you eat a spoonful of cinnamon without drinking water?				

Which will fall faster, a six-pack of light beer or regular beer?
 Can a row of 25 watermelons stop a bullet fired from a .50 caliber Desert Eagle pistol?
 Can a van loaded with leaking containers of flammable gases explode when it receives a signal from its keyless remote?
Note: This is a special episode. The Build Team answered a series of randomly chosen letters sent in by viewers, answering questions and doing a series of short tests.

187	9	"Bubble Pack Plunge" ^[23]	June 3, 2012	206
Myths tested: Can you survive a 35 ft fall while covered in bubble wrap? Can a rocket-powered ejector seat flip an upside-down car back onto its wheels, as seen in <i>Die Another Day</i> ?				
188	10	"Duel Dilemmas" ^[23]	June 10, 2012	207
Myths tested: Should you really never bring a knife to a gunfight? Will you lose a sword fight if you try to strike first? Did the 14th century Chinese design a two-stage, arrow-launching missile?				
189	11	"Hollywood Gunslingers" ^[23]	June 17, 2012	208
Myths tested: Can someone running through gunfire make it out safe? Can bullets made of silver or engraved with an enemy's name be as effective as unmodified ammunition? Does the person who draws second have a better chance of winning in a gunfight? Can a nail gun inflict wounds as lethal as a firearm? Can a MAC-10 dropped down a flight of stairs start firing by itself? Can a person firing two pistols simultaneously, rather than alternating left and right hand shots, hit targets more effectively than a person holding one pistol in a two-handed stance? (Revisit of: <i>Firearm Fashion</i>) Is the length of a typical action-movie gunfight realistic?				
SP19	Special– 2	"Jawsome Shark Special" ^[23]	August 13, 2012	209
Adam and Jamie count down their 25 favorite shark-related myths. <i>Note:</i> This is a special episode.				
190	12	"Titanic Survival" ^[23]	October 7, 2012	210
Myths tested: Could Jack have survived with Rose in the ending of <i>Titanic</i> ? Is it possible to build a rocket-powered surfboard? <i>Note:</i> <i>James Cameron</i> was a special guest on this episode.				
191	13	"Trench Torpedo" ^[23]	October 14, 2012	211
Myths tested: Can a trench with perfect 90° corners absorb an explosion's shockwave inside the trench better than a trench with rounded corners? Can balloons act like an <i>airbag</i> during a car crash and save someone's life?				
192	14	"Hail Hijinx" ^[23] "Cliffhanger Bridge Boom" ^[24]	October 21, 2012 (US) ^[23] September 3, 2012 (AUS) ^[24]	212
Myths tested: Can you jump to safety from a collapsing rope bridge as seen in the film <i>Cliffhanger</i> ? Can a strong enough hailstorm sink a boat?				
193	15	"Fright Night" ^[23]	October 28, 2012	213
Myths tested: Can certain sound frequencies persuade people that an area is haunted? Is it really possible to smell fear? Is it really as easy to move and bury a dead body as it is in the movies?				
194	16	"Mini Myth Medley" ^[23]	November 4, 2012	214
Myths tested: Are people really well-acquainted with the backs of their own hands? Can a needle be thrown through a glass pane without shattering it?				

Is it really impossible to ride a bicycle underwater? Does the "potty dance" really allow you to delay the urge to urinate?				
195	17	"Cannonball Chemistry" ^[25]	November 11, 2012	215
Myths tested: Can a mattress cushion the impact of a long fall onto water? Are stone cannonballs as deadly as steel ones?				
196	18	"Food Fables" ^[25]	November 18, 2012	216
Myths tested: Can you cook a full holiday meal on the engine of a running car? Does the <u>tryptophan</u> in turkey make you sleepy? Is it easy to confuse the taste of unusual meat with chicken? Can a particular Chinese pressure vessel be used to cook popcorn faster than other methods?				
SP20	Special– 3	"Explosions A to Z" ^[25] "The A to Z of Explosives" ^[26]	November 25, 2012 (US) ^[23] September 24, 2012 (AUS) ^[26]	217
The Build Team goes through the alphabet <u>highlighting</u> some of the show's 752 detonations and counting. <i>Note:</i> This is a special episode.				

2013 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
197	1	" JATO Rocket Car: Mission Accomplished? " ^[27]	May 1, 2013	218
Myths tested: Can a 1967 Chevy take off with JATO rockets, like in the tale of the JATO Rocket Car? (Revisit of: JATO Car) <i>Note:</i> This was the first of two "10th Anniversary" episodes				
198	2	" Deadliest Catch Crabtastic Special " ^[27]	May 8, 2013	219
Myths tested: Will a crab pot drag you overboard to the bottom if your foot is caught in a coil? Is it better to work a 30-hour grind with no sleep than a 20 minute nap every 6 hours? Are crab pots truly indestructible? <i>Note:</i> Deadliest Catch captains Johnathan Hillstrand and Scott "Junior" Campbell guest star in this episode.				
199	3	" Down and Dirty/Earthquake Survival " ^[27]	May 15, 2013	220
Myths tested: Is a bathroom's hand dryer better than a paper towel? Which public restroom stall is the cleanest? Is better to stand in the doorway during an earthquake?				
200	4	" Indy Car Special " ^[27]	May 22, 2013	221
Myths tested: Can man beat machine in a 30-ft, standing-start sprint? Can a driver lose 10 lbs during a race? Can the suction created by a speeding car rip loose a manhole cover during a street race?				
201	5	" Battle of the Sexes: Round 2 " ^[27]	May 29, 2013	222
Myths tested: Will lost men really not stop and ask for directions? Are women better multi-taskers? Are women better at parallel parking? Are men better at throwing objects than women?				
202	6	" Motorcycle Water Ski " ^[27]	June 5, 2013 (US) ^[27] May 6, 2013 (AUS) ^[28]	223
Myths tested: Can a motorcycle traveling at highway speeds drive across the surface of a lake? Can you survive a jump from a high-rise building with a parachute made from a hotel room's contents?				
203	7	" Hypermiling/Crash Cushions " ^[27]	June 12, 2013 (US) ^[27] May 27, 2013 (AUS) ^[29]	224
Myths tested: Could a man sandwiched between two big men in the backseat of a car survive the car being T-boned by a truck, as seen in <i>Headhunters</i> ? Can hypermiling techniques really double your car's fuel efficiency?				
204	8	" Duct Tape Canyon " ^[27]	June 19, 2013	225
Myths tested: Can Adam and Jamie cross a canyon and reach civilization using only basic supplies, duct tape, and bubble wrap? <i>Note:</i> This is a special episode. It was used to promote <i>Skywire Live</i> .				
205	9	" Painting With Explosives/Bifurcated Boat " ^[27]	June 26, 2013	226
Myths tested: Can a room be painted using explosives via Adam's snowflake frame or Jamie's steel sphere?				

Can a boat be split in two by a channel marker? (Revisit of: [Bifurcated Boat](#))

Note: This was the second of two "10th Anniversary" episodes.

206	10	" Breaking Bad Special " ^[27]	August 12, 2013 (US) ^[27] July 15, 2013 (AUS) ^[30]	227
<p>Myths tested:</p> <p>Can concentrated hydrofluoric acid in a bathtub completely dissolve a human body, create a hole through the tub, and dissolve the bathroom floor below it?</p> <p>Can a chunk of solid mercury fulminate thrown on the ground explode, kill or injure bystanders, and break nearby windows, all without injuring the thrower?</p> <p><i>Note:</i> <i>Breaking Bad</i> creator Vince Gilligan and actor Aaron Paul make a guest appearance.</p>				
207	11	" Zombie Special " ^[27]	October 17, 2013	228
<p>Myths tested:</p> <p>Is an axe more effective than a gun when you are swarmed by zombies?</p> <p>Can the force of many people bust down a door?</p> <p>Can you escape from a horde of zombies?</p> <p><i>Note:</i> <i>The Walking Dead</i>'s Michael Rooker guest stars in this episode.</p>				

2014 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
208	1	"Star Wars Special" ^[31]	January 4, 2014	229
Myths tested: Could Luke have safely swung across the chasm in the Death Star while carrying Princess Leia? Would the Ewoks' swinging log trap have destroyed an Imperial walker? Would a Tauntaun carcass have kept Luke from freezing to death on the cold climate of Hoth?				
209	2	"Moonshiner Myths" ^[31]	January 11, 2014	230
Myths tested: Can a moonshine still explode and destroy the shack it is hidden in? Can a car fueled by moonshine run as well as one running on gasoline?				
210	3	"Hollywood Car Crash Cliches" ^[31]	January 18, 2014	231
Myths tested: Can two men carrying a pane of glass survive unscathed if a car smashes through it? Can a rocket-propelled grenade explosion flip an SUV? Can a large truck plow through a traffic jam without stopping?				
211	4	"Car Chase Chaos / Animal Antics" ^[31] "Car Chase Chaos/Animal Avoidance" ^[32]	January 25, 2014 (US) ^[31] June 3, 2013 (AUS) ^[32]	232
Myths tested: Can you share the task of driving, change places while driving, or push the driver out while moving at regular speed? Can you prevent cats from defecating in your garden? What methods work best to repel snakes? What methods work best to deter bears?				
212	5	"*DO* Try This at Home?" ^[31]	February 1, 2014	233
Myths tested: Can watering plants with microwaved water kill them? Can you put out a fire on a lake by turning a boat at an angle? Can metronomes started at different times sync together? Can a ball chain "levitate" over a lip of a cup? Can sugar and sulfuric acid explode like a "black snake"? Are dry ice bombs lethal? Can hydrogen peroxide, yeast, water, liquid dish soap, and food coloring create "elephant toothpaste"? Can water coming out of a hose with a speaker next to it create an optical illusion that it is going backwards?				
213	6	"Mythssion Impossible" ^[31]	February 15, 2014	234
Myths tested: Can you herd cats? Can you catch a greased pig? Can you stuff 10 pounds of feces into a 5-pound bag?				
214	7	"Bullet Baloney" ^[31]	February 22, 2014	235
Myths tested: Can a gun fire lethally if its barrel is bent? Can tape measures and wallets stop bullets? Will a shotgun shell on the tip of a wooden spear detonate if jabbed into an attacking animal? Can a gun work in outer space? Will a neon sign blow out in a shower of sparks if hit by a bullet? Can a gun discharge on its own if thrown into a deep fryer?				
215	8	"Supersonic Ping Pong/Ice Cannon" ^[31]	March 1, 2014	236

Myths tested: Can a ping pong ball inflict a lethal injury if it flies fast enough? Can a cannon and cannonballs made from ice be a reliable weapon?				
216	9	" <u>Fire in the Hole</u> " ^[31]	July 10, 2014	237
Myths tested: Could someone shoot a live grenade in midair and thus render it useless? Can you contain a TNT explosion inside an ordinary object?				
217	10	" <u>Household Disasters</u> " ^[31]	July 17, 2014 (US) ^[31] May 26, 2014 (AUS) ^[33]	238
Myths tested: Can an explosion caused by a hot-water heater put out a fire? Is sunscreen flammable? Can a piano being raised into a house fall and break through the roof and the floor of a house? Will a vacuum explode if it vacuums up black powder?				
218	11	" <u>Commercial Myths</u> " ^[31] "Apple Bobbing Bungee/Tennis Wing Walk" ^[34]	July 24, 2014 (US) ^[31] May 19, 2014 (AUS) ^[34]	239
Myths tested: Can you bob for an apple during a 100 foot bungee jump? Can you really play tennis on an airplane wing mid-flight?				
219	12	" <u>Road Rage</u> " ^[31] "Driving This Crazy" ^[35]	July 31, 2014 (US) ^[31] May 12, 2014 (AUS) ^[35]	240
Myths tested: When two cars try to knock each other off the road does it always result in a long and difficult duel? Is the silver screen trick of tipping up on to two wheels and driving sideways as easy as it seems? Can a Corvette be used as a ramp to flip into a barrel roll as in the movie <i>Wanted</i> ?				
220	13	" <u>Laws of Attraction</u> " ^[31]	August 7, 2014	241
Myths tested: Do males prefer women with blonde hair? Do pheromone sprays work? Are women attracted to wealthy men? Do men give larger tips to women with larger breasts? Does a person's intelligence deteriorate in the presence of members of the opposite gender?				
221	14	" <u>Traffic Tricks</u> " ^[31]	August 7, 2014 (US) ^[31] July 22, 2013 (AUS) ^[36]	242
Myths tested: If a single car brakes lightly, can it cause a ripple that triggers a major traffic jam? Is it better to stay in one lane in heavy traffic instead of changing lanes? Are roundabouts more efficient than four-way stop signs? For journeys less than 400 miles, is driving faster than flying?				
222	15	" <u>Plane Boarding</u> " ^[31] "Plane Boarding/Bite the Bullet" ^[37]	August 21, 2014 (US) ^[31] September 17, 2012 (AUS) ^[38]	243
Myths tested: Is the method used for boarding planes by most airlines inefficient? Can you make an untraceable bullet out of teeth? Note: This episode marked the final appearance of Kari Byron, Grant Imahara, and Tory Belleci on the US schedule. This is the last episode to use the 2006 opening sequence and <u>The Dandy Warhols</u> arrangement of the theme music.				

2015 season

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223	1	" <u><i>The Simpsons Special</i></u> " ^[39]	January 10, 2015	244
<p>Myths tested: Will a cherry bomb dropped in a school toilet make others act like geysers? Will placing someone between a wrecking ball and a building protect the building? Note: <i>The Simpsons</i> executive producer Al Jean makes a guest appearance.</p>				
224	2	" <u><i>Indiana Jones Special</i></u> " ^[39] " <u>The Busters of the Lost Myths</u> " ^[40]	January 17, 2015	245
<p>Myths tested: Could Indiana Jones have outrun a battery of wall-mounted dart launchers? Can you use a whip to disarm or neutralize an enemy with a gun? Does the tip of a whip break the sound barrier? Can you use a whip to swing safely across a chasm?</p>				
225	3	" <u><i>A-Team Special</i></u> " ^[39]	January 24, 2015	246
<p>Myths tested: Can you build a propane-powered log cannon to shoot planks at enemies? Can you safely disable a pursuing car by blasting a manhole cover upward into it?</p>				
226	4	" <u>Video Game Special</u> " ^[39]	January 31, 2015	247
<p>Myths tested: Can you easily carry and deploy a large variety of weapons, as in <i>Doom</i>? Can you easily slice through large amounts of thrown fruit, as in <i>Fruit Ninja</i>?</p>				
227	5	" <u>Transformers</u> " ^[39]	February 7, 2015	248
<p>Myths tested: Can a car be converted into a motorcycle? Can a bicycle be modified to operate on both land and water?</p>				
228	6	" <u>San Francisco Drift</u> " ^[39]	February 14, 2015	249
<p>Myths tested: Can you turn a corner faster by drifting than with conventional driving methods? Can you drift into a parallel parking space without hitting the adjacent cars or the curb?</p>				
229	7	" <u>Blow It Out of the Water</u> " ^[39]	July 18, 2015	250
<p>Myths tested: Can a boat be blown out of the water without destroying it? Is it possible to mount a remote-controlled machine gun in a car trunk and use it to kill a roomful of people from outside a house, as seen in the finale of <i>Breaking Bad</i>? Note: <i>Breaking Bad</i> creator Vince Gilligan makes a guest appearance.</p>				
230	8	" <u>Flights of Fantasy</u> " ^[39]	July 25, 2015	251
<p>Myths tested: Is the Lockheed U-2 really harder to fly and land safely than any other plane currently in use? Can a drone's propellers injure a person?</p>				
231	9	" <u>Accidental Ammo</u> " ^[39]	August 1, 2015 (US) ^[39] May 27, 2015 (FIN) ^[41]	252
<p>Myths tested: Can a stone shot from a lawn mower have the same force as a bullet shot from a <u>.357 Magnum</u>? Can a pane of glass falling cut a person fully in half?</p>				
232	10	" <u>Dangerous Driving</u> " ^[39]	August 8, 2015	253
<p>Myths tested: Is talking on the phone using <u>hands-free technology</u> when driving equally as distracting as holding the phone in the hand? Is it easy to drive a vehicle in reverse at high speed?</p>				
233	11	" <u>Supernatural Shooters</u> " ^[39]	August 15, 2015 (US) ^[39]	254

May 10, 2015 (NLD & BEL)^[42]**Myths tested:**

Is it possible for a hitman to fire a bullet through a wall and hit a moving target on the other side?
 Can you effectively fire bullets from between your fingers by putting your hand in a fire, as seen in *Shoot 'Em Up*?
Note: Actor Jonathan Banks of *Breaking Bad* was a special guest in this episode.

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"Unfinished Business"^[39]

August 22, 2015

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Myths tested:

Can a video game that simulates a skill lead to real-world improvement in that skill?
 Are hollow road spikes more effective in stopping a car than solid ones?
 Is it difficult to hold on to a live grenade once the pin is pulled?
 Can you fire and reload a pistol as quickly as in a Hollywood action movie?

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"MythBusters vs. Jaws"^[39]

August 29, 2015

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Myths tested:

Is there any way to shoot a scuba tank in a shark's mouth and cause it to explode? (Revisit of: Exploding Scuba Tank)
 Will the sound of orcas drive sharks away?
 Will the smell of a dead shark drive living ones away?

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"Star Wars 2"^[39]
"Star Wars - The Myths Strike Back"^[43]

September 5, 2015

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Myths tested:

Is it possible for people to dive out of the way of incoming Stormtrooper shots?
 Does a combatant on the higher ground have a significant advantage over his opposition?
Note: This is a *Star Wars* themed episode.

2016 season

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237	1	<u>"MythBusters Revealed"</u> ^[44] <u>"MythBusters Revealed: The Behind the Scenes Season Opener"</u> ^[45]	January 2, 2016	258
A behind-the-scenes look at the production of the final season, with clips of myths from the 2016 season.				
238	2	<u>"The Explosion Special"</u> ^[44]	January 9, 2016	259
Myths tested: Can a load of wet cement prevent a bomb in a mail truck from injuring bystanders or destroying the truck, like in <i>MacGyver</i> ? Can you safely cross a minefield in a hovercraft?				
239	3	<u>"Tanker Crush"</u> ^[44]	January 16, 2016	260
Myths tested: Will a steam-filled railroad tank car collapse in on itself as it cools?				
240	4	<u>"Cooking Chaos"</u> ^[44]	January 23, 2016	261
Myths tested: Can you instantly cook shrimp by firing them through clouds of flour, eggs, bread crumbs, and fire? Can you use an underwater explosion to juice the inside of a fruit without damaging the skin?				
241	5	<u>"Driven to Destruction"</u> ^[44]	January 30, 2016	262
Myths tested: Can you flatten a car with explosives? Can you use a household vacuum cleaner to lift a car?				
242	6	<u>"Volunteer Special"</u> ^[44]	February 6, 2016	263

Myths tested: Is an axe really better than a gun in a zombie attack? (Revisit of: <u>Axe vs. Gun</u>) Can checkout wait times in a store be reduced by routing customers to the first available register instead of letting them choose their own?				
243	7	" <u>Failure Is Not an Option!</u> " ^[44]	February 13, 2016	264
Myths tested: Is drifting faster than regular driving on a dirt road? (Revisit of: <u>Drift Turn</u>) Can a metal cigarette lighter stop a bullet? (Revisit of: <u>What is Bulletproof?</u>) Can a full fishtank stop a shotgun blast? Can you survive two identical, simultaneous explosions by standing halfway between them?				
244	8	" <u>Rocketman</u> " ^[44] "Rocketsmen" ^[46]	February 20, 2016	265
Myths tested: Can <u>gummy bears</u> and feces be used as alternative rocket fuels?				
245	9	" <u>Reddit Special</u> " ^[44]	February 27, 2016	266
Myths tested: Will a flatus show up on a thermal imaging camera? Can you survive a fall from a chopper by climbing into a <u>zorb ball</u> ? Is it really easy to punch your way out of a paper bag?				
246	10	" <u>Grand Finale</u> " ^[44] "The MythBusters Grand Finale" ^[47]	March 5, 2016	267
Adam and Jamie end the show with two grand explosions, a dedication to Buster, and the destruction of past props using a truck ram.				
247	11	" <u>Reunion</u> " ^[44] "MythBusters: The Reunion" ^[48]	March 5, 2016	268
Adam and Jamie invite Grant, Tory, and Kari back to reflect on the history of the show and what it meant to them.				
248	12	" <u>Duct Tape: The Return</u> " ^[49]	March 6, 2016	269
Myths tested: Can you build a working <u>trebuchet</u> held together only by duct tape? Can a seat belt made from duct tape save your life in a car crash? Note: This episode aired on Science. This is the final episode of the original series, and also marked the final appearance of <u>Jamie Hyneman</u> . <u>Adam Savage</u> would return in 2019's <i>Mythbusters Jr.</i>				

2017 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
249	1	" <u>Heads Will Roll</u> " ^[50]	November 15, 2017	270
Myths tested: If you are in the front passenger seat of a car that gets in a collision, will you be killed if you have your feet up on the dashboard? Can a sword cut off someone's head so fast and smoothly so that the head will just stay sitting on the victim's body?				
250	2	" <u>Chimney Cannon</u> " ^[50]	November 22, 2017	271
Myths tested: Can a burglar be shot out of a chimney when the gas fireplace gets lit? Can a bullet shot into a tree kill a lumberjack when his chainsaw hits the bullet?				
251	3	" <u>Earthquake Water Heater</u> " ^[50]	November 29, 2017	272
Myths tested: Can a water-heater that has been knocked over in an earthquake explode to destroy the garage it is in and the				

motor-home parked next to it? Can a flatulence " <u>dutch oven</u> " cause an explosion?				
252	4	" <u>Rock 'n' Roll Road Rage</u> " ^[50]	December 6, 2017	273
Myths tested: Can a leaping carp kill a water skier by hitting him? Does listening to aggressive music lead to aggressive driving?				
253	5	" <u>Invisible Assassins</u> " ^[50]	December 13, 2017	274
Myths tested: Can a duplex nail fired from a fire extinguisher disable a bad guy? Can light bulbs modified to fit in a shotgun shell with a bag of nuts and bolts around it become a lethal fragmentation-style grenade when the bulbs are turned on? Can a shotgun shell rigged with a nail to fire from under a floor kill a person stepping on the board?				
254	6	" <u>Dead Body Double</u> " ^[50]	December 20, 2017	275
Myths tested: Can a human body be used to protect you in a gun battle? Can <u>oobleck</u> be bomb-proof?				

2018 season

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date	Overall episode No.
255	1	" <u>Fire Arrow vs. Gas Tank</u> " ^[51] " <u>Fiery Arrow vs. Gas Tank</u> " ^[52]	January 3, 2018	276
Myths tested: Will a car explode if shot in the gas tank with a fire arrow? Will the tribal initiation of shooting arrows straight up make them return to earth at lethal speeds?				
256	2	" <u>Pane in the Glass</u> " ^[51]	January 10, 2018	277
Myths tested: Can you jump off a building holding a rope, swing back, and shoot out a window to return to a lower floor? Do old remedies prevent you from crying when cutting onions?				
257	3	" <u>Wild Wild West</u> " ^[51]	January 17, 2018	278
Myths tested: In a gunfight is it better to take time to aim carefully, or just fire as rapidly as possible? From the film <i>Jonah Hex</i> (2010), will a semi-automatic dynamite-firing crossbow actually work?				
258	4	" <u>Spike in the Road</u> " ^[51] " <u>Geezer Geysers</u> " ^[52]	January 24, 2018	279
Myths tested: Can police road spikes be defeated? Can a high powered Vegas water fountain levitate a drunken old geezer riding an inflatable pool tube?				
259	5	" <u>Dynamite Deposit</u> " ^[51]	January 31, 2018	280
Myths tested: Can a bomb left in a safe blow the door without damaging the dollar bills? Do people choose dogs that look like them?				
260	6	" <u>Backseat Getaway Driver</u> " ^[51] " <u>Knock Me Over with a Feather</u> " ^[52]	February 7, 2018	281
Myths tested: Can an escaping thief with broken legs drive a stolen car from the backseat using a walking cane? Is the idiom "knock me down with a feather" true?				
261	7	" <u>Electrified Escape</u> " ^[52]	Unaired (US)	282

			February 21, 2018 (UK)	
Myths tested: Is it possible to escape from a burning car crashed into a power pole, without getting electrocuted? Is it better for a pedestrian to jump up when a car is about to hit them, or stand still?				
262	8	" <u>Dropping a Bomb</u> " ^[52]	Unaired (US) February 28, 2018 (UK)	283
Myths tested: Can dropping molten salt into a toilet unblock it? Is 3rd person perspective better than 1st person in a real world video game obstacle course?				

Special episodes

Special episodes listed here were aired separately to the normal season episodes.

No. in series	No. in season	Title	Original air date
BO1	Special-1	"Best Animal Myths" ^[53]	March 21, 2004
<p>This is a "Best of" recut of previously tested animal-related myths from various episodes. The myths are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Chicken Gun</u> from the episode "<u>Chicken Gun</u>", which originally aired January 18, 2004 ▪ <u>Goldfish Memory</u> from the episode "<u>Sinking Titanic</u>", which originally aired February 22, 2004 ▪ <u>Does a Duck's Quack Echo?</u> from the episode "<u>Alcatraz Escape</u>", which originally aired December 12, 2003 			
BO2	Special-2	"Best Electric Myths" ^[54]	May 6, 2004
<p>This is a "Best of" recut of previously tested electricity-related myths from various episodes. The myths are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Peeing on the Third Rail</u> from the episode "<u>Barrel of Bricks</u>", which originally aired October 10, 2003 ▪ <u>Lightning Strikes Tongue Piercing</u> from the episode "<u>Lightning Strikes/Tongue Piercings</u>", which originally aired November 11, 2003 ▪ <u>Microwave Madness</u> from the episode "<u>Penny Drop</u>", which originally aired October 17, 2003 			
BO3	Special-3	"Best Explosions" ^[55]	June 29, 2004
<p>This is a "Best of" recut of previously tested explosion-related myths from various episodes. The myths are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Cell Phone Destruction</u> from the episode "<u>Cell Phone Destroys Gas Station</u>", which originally aired October 3, 2003 ▪ <u>Raccoon Rocket</u> from the episode "<u>Stinky Car</u>", which originally aired December 5, 2003 ▪ <u>Tree Cannon</u> from the episode "<u>Lightning Strikes/Tongue Piercings</u>", which originally aired November 11, 2003 ▪ <u>Exploding Toilet</u> from the episode "<u>Exploding Toilet</u>", which originally aired September 23, 2003 			
SP11	Special-4	"Young Scientist Special" ^[56]	April 26, 2008
<p>Myths tested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are electric cars slower than gas-powered ones? ▪ Do greenhouse gases increase the amount of heat absorbed by air? ▪ Do cows hurt the environment? ▪ Can cow manure be used to help the environment? <p>Note: This episode aired on the <u>Science Channel</u>. Former MythBuster <u>Scottie Chapman</u> reappeared in this episode to assist in the testing, along with Discovery Channel's young scientist winners.</p>			
SP13	Special-5	"Car Conundrum" ^[57]	June 23, 2010
<p>This is a recut of previously tested car-related myths from various episodes. The myths are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Underwater Car</u> from the episode "<u>Underwater Car</u>", which originally aired January 24, 2007 ▪ <u>Hollywood Crash Test</u> from the episode "<u>Demolition Derby Special</u>", which originally aired April 8, 2009 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Car Remote Capers</u> from the episode "<u>Viewers' Special</u>", which originally aired August 15, 2007 			
BC1	Special–6	"Buster's Cut: Alcohol Myths" ^[57]	June 30, 2010
This is a " <u>Buster's Cut</u> " of the episode " <u>Alcohol Myths</u> ", which originally aired October 22, 2008.			
BC2	Special–7	"Buster's Cut: Duct Tape Hour 2" ^[57]	July 7, 2010
This is a " <u>Buster's Cut</u> " of the episode " <u>Duct Tape Hour 2</u> ", which originally aired May 12, 2010.			
BC3	Special–8	"Buster's Cut: Knock Your Socks Off" ^[57]	July 14, 2010
This is a " <u>Buster's Cut</u> " of the episode " <u>Knock Your Socks Off</u> ", which originally aired October 7, 2009.			
BC4	Special–9	"Buster's Cut: Viewer Special Threequel" ^[57]	July 21, 2010
This is a " <u>Buster's Cut</u> " of the episode " <u>Viewer Special Threequel</u> ", which originally aired November 19, 2008.			
BC5	Special–10	"Buster's Cut: Bottle Bash" ^[57]	July 28, 2010
This is a " <u>Buster's Cut</u> " of the episode " <u>Bottle Bash</u> ", which originally aired April 14, 2010.			
DD1	Special–11	"Demolition Derby: Hollywood Havoc" ^[57]	January 5, 2011
This is a recut of previously tested car and movie-related myths from various episodes.			
DD2	Special–12	"Demolition Derby: Car Chaos" ^[57]	January 12, 2011
This is a recut of previously tested car-related myths from various episodes.			
SP21	Special–13	"Blast From The Past" ^[57]	May 1, 2013
The first ever MythBusters episode, " <u>Jet-Assisted Chevy</u> ", gets remastered with behind the scenes details and info.			

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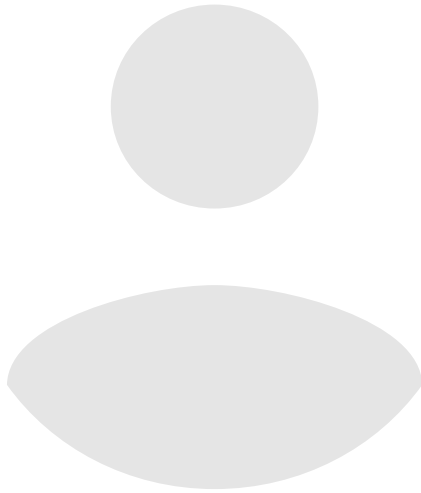


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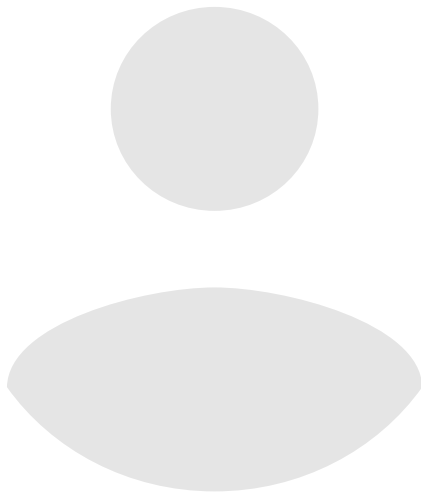
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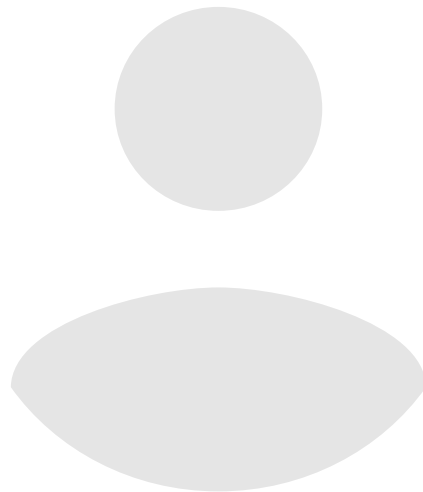
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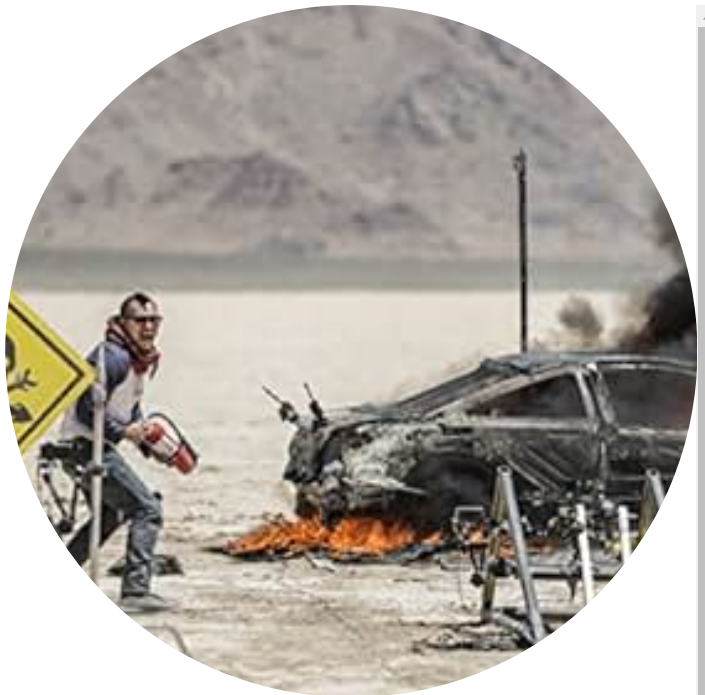
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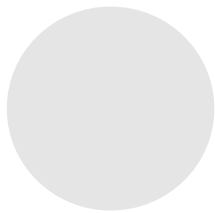




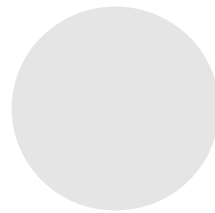
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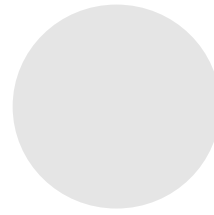


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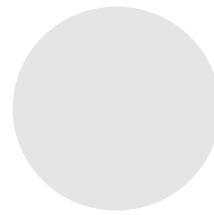
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Goofs

At the beginning of the title sequence used during seasons 1-4, the formula for the area of a circle is shown as two times pi times the radius squared ($A=2*\pi*r^2$) but the actual formula for the area of a circle is pi times the radius squared ($A=\pi*r^2$). >

Quotes

Jamie: I don't think our death ray is working. I'm standing right in it, and I'm not dead yet. >

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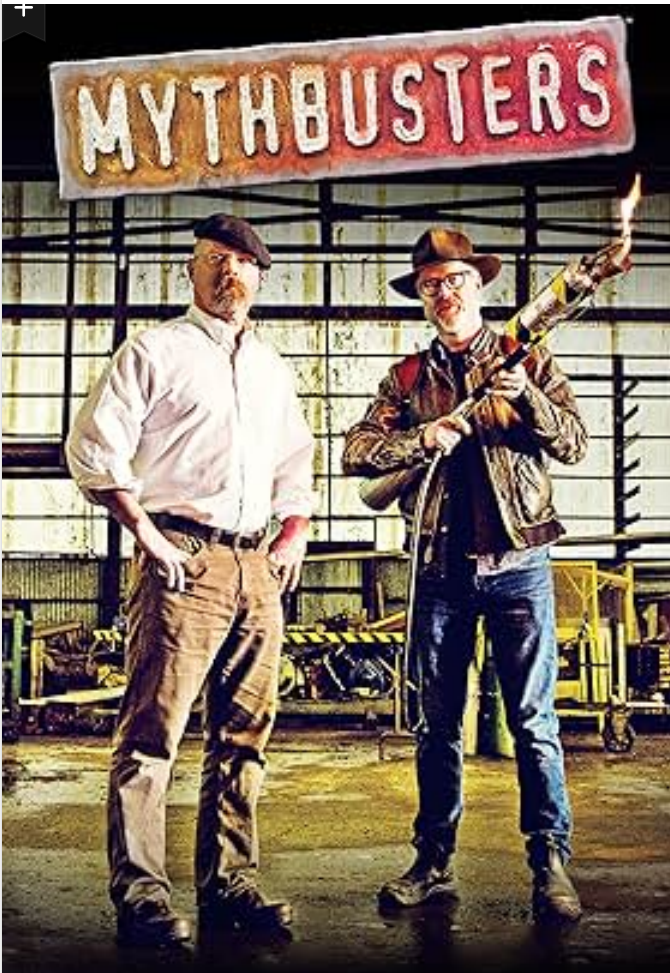
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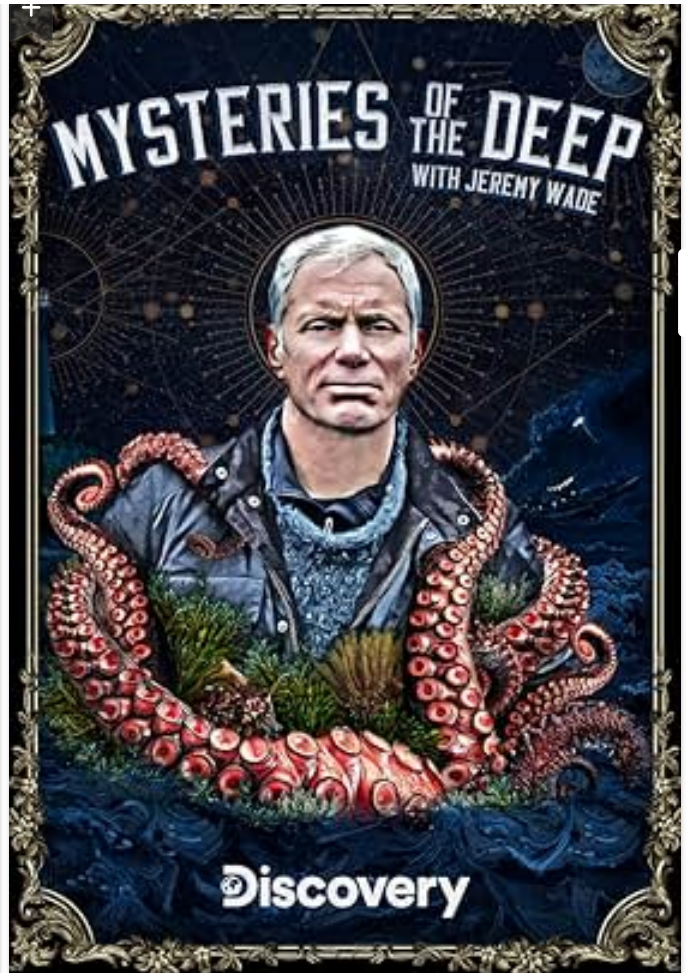
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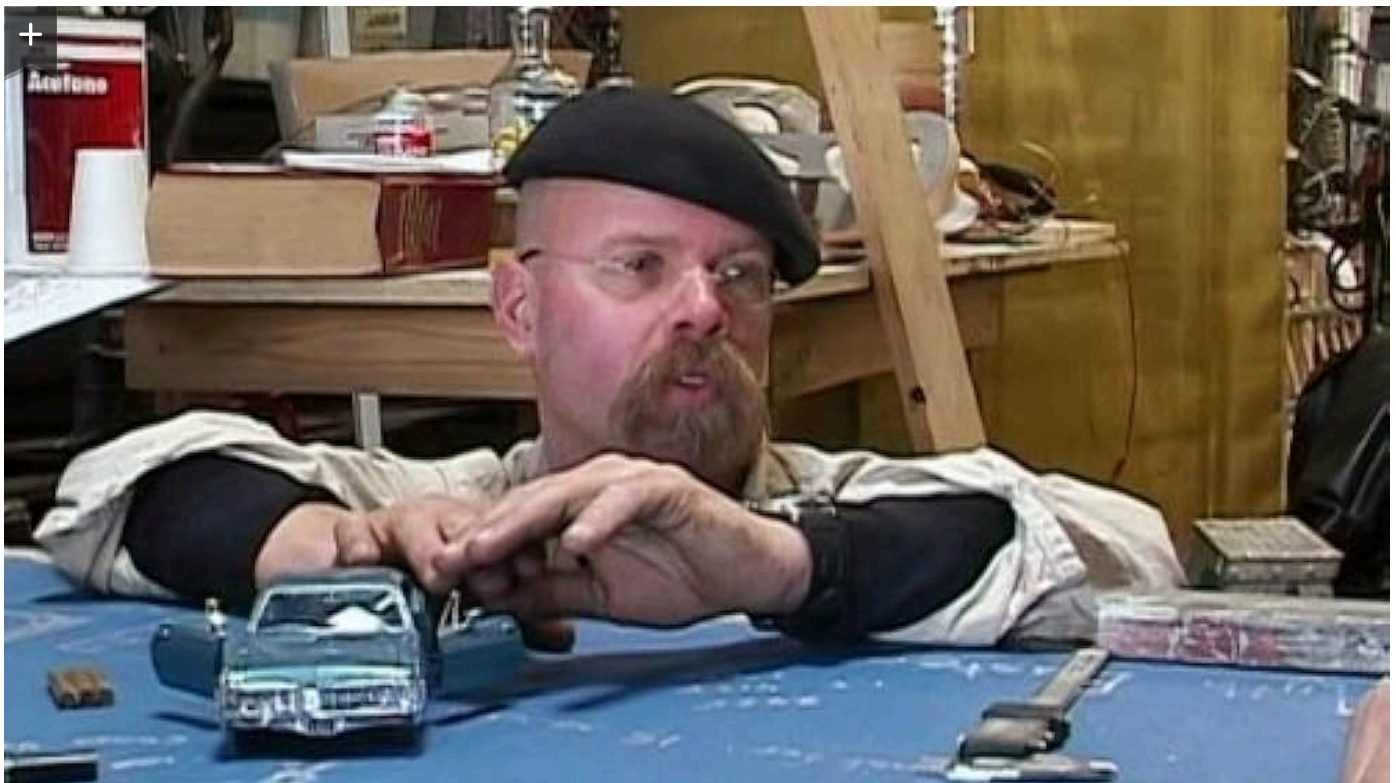
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S1.E1 · Pilot 1: Jet-Assisted Chevy/Pop Rocks and Soda

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1967 Chevy Impala with a jet assisted take off. Eating Pop Rocks with cola can cause death.

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A tin of biscuit dough explodes and hits a woman. A woman is stuck on an airplane toilet. A lawyer crashes through a high rise window.

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Ascending in a lawn chair with weather balloons. Poppy seeds cause you to fail a drug test. Being covered in gold paint can kill you.

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S1.E4 · Ice Bullet/Exploding Toilet/Who Gets Wetter?

Tue, Sep 23, 2003

Tested myths include magic ice bullets, thought to kill without a clue and is it worth running in the rain, where Adam and Jamie see which gets you drier, running or walking in the rain. To test if you can explode a toilet, the Mythbusters get a crash-test dummy that they name Buster.

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**S1.E5 · Cell Phone Destruction/Silicone Breasts/CD-ROM Shattering**

Fri, Oct 3, 2003

Cell phones are tested to see if they can destroy a gas station. Then, breast implants are tested to see if high altitudes will make them explode. Finally, CD's are tested to see if computer drives can make them break.

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Fri, Oct 10, 2003

The story of the unlucky construction worker and the barrel of 500 lb. of bricks is tested. Also, you'll see if peeing on the third rail can kill you, along with credit cards not working due to an eel skin wallet.

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S1.E7 · Penny Drop/Deadly Microwaves/Radio Tooth Fillings

Fri, Oct 17, 2003

Jamie and Adam test whether a penny dropped from a skyscraper will embed in concrete and whether it is possible to pick up radio signals through tooth fillings. They also examine several myths surrounding microwave ovens.

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S1.E8 · Hammer Bridge Drop/Buried Alive/Cola

Fri, Oct 24, 2003

Buster tries to survive a drop into a body of water with a hammer, and Jamie's getting buried alive! Also, you'd be surprised by how many cola-related myths are perfect for the Mythbusters.

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Tue, Nov 11, 2003

Jamie and Adam test whether a tongue piercing can attract lightning, if they can make a cannon out of a tree trunk, and if it's possible to fool the breathalyser.

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S1.E10 · Stinky Car/Raccoon Rocket

Fri, Dec 5, 2003

The Mythbusters see if a car can get so stinky that no one will buy it. Waiting for 2 months for 2 dead pigs to decompose in a car, they want to test raccoon rocket, where a person lighting gasoline in a sewer pipe to eliminate a raccoon but shoots himself out but lives. Looks like a job for Buster!

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S1.E11 · Escape from Alcatraz/Duck Quack/Stud Finder

Fri, Dec 12, 2003

Jamie and Adam try to escape from Alcatraz using a raft made from raincoats. In between, they test to see if duck quacks can echo and if Red Cross has mind control chips for their patients.

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S1.E12 · Explosive Decompression/Frog Giggin'/Rear Axle

Sun, Jan 11, 2004

In this episode of MythBusters, Jamie and Adam pull out the artillery when they shoot a bullet hole into the shell of an aircraft and find out if that single shot will cause explosive decompression -- and destruction of the aircraft. They'll find out if two hunters could use a loaded .22 gun cartridge as a replacement fuse in a car's ignition or if it will backfire in all the wrong places. And they take a myth from the movies when they see if it's possible to rip a car off its rear axle... just wait and see. They don't just tell the myths, they put them to the test.

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**S1.E13 · Chicken Gun/Octopus Pregnancy/Killer Washing Machine**

Sun, Jan 18, 2004

The guys test the effects of chickens, frozen and thawed, against a windshield. They also test to see if a human can give birth to an octopus and if 50 lbs. of laundry, along with baking soda w/dog pee, can cause an explosion that could kill a guy.

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**S1.E14 · Break Step Bridge/Toothbrush Surprise/Rowing Water Skier**

Sun, Jan 25, 2004

In this episode of MythBusters, Jamie and Adam will take a stroll across a bridge to see if the rhythm of soldiers marching together will cause a bridge to collapse. Will the athletes of Stanford University's varsity rowing team be strong enough to pull Jamie up on water skis behind a fragile rowing eight? Watch where you put your toothbrush, Jamie and Adam will find out if the bacteria from their toilet settles in their toothbrushes. The MythBusters don't just tell the myths, they put them to the test.

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S1.E15 · Sinking Titanic/Goldfish Memory/Trombone Explosion

Sun, Feb 22, 2004

In this episode of MythBusters, Jamie and Adam explore a titanic sized legend. Will a sinking ship suck you down as it goes under? Bored goldfish or just plain stupid? We'll find out if goldfish can remember anything for longer than 3 seconds. A musical myth with highly explosive results, will putting a lit firecracker down the neck of trombone make your music any sweeter? The MythBusters don't just tell the myths, they put them to the test.

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S1.E16 · Buried in Concrete/Daddy Longlegs/Jet Taxi

Wed, Feb 25, 2004

In this episode of MythBusters, Jamie and Adam make a brave attempt to solve a legendary mafia mystery by searching for the decomposed body of Jimmy Hoffa allegedly buried in the concrete under Giants Stadium. The MythBusters will then fire up a jet engine and find out if the power and force of a 737 could launch a taxicab backward 75 feet, and finally -- will Adam's arachnophobia prevent him from finding out if the Daddy Longlegs is the most venomous spider? The MythBusters don't just tell the myths, they put them to the test.

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S1.E17 · Best Animal Myths

Tue, Jun 8, 2004

A recap of myths involving animals. A frozen chicken can penetrate a airline window better than a thawed chicken. A goldfish's memory lasts only three seconds. A duck's quack does not echo.

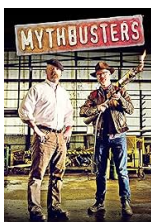
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Thu, May 6, 2004

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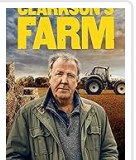
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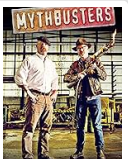
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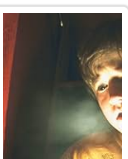
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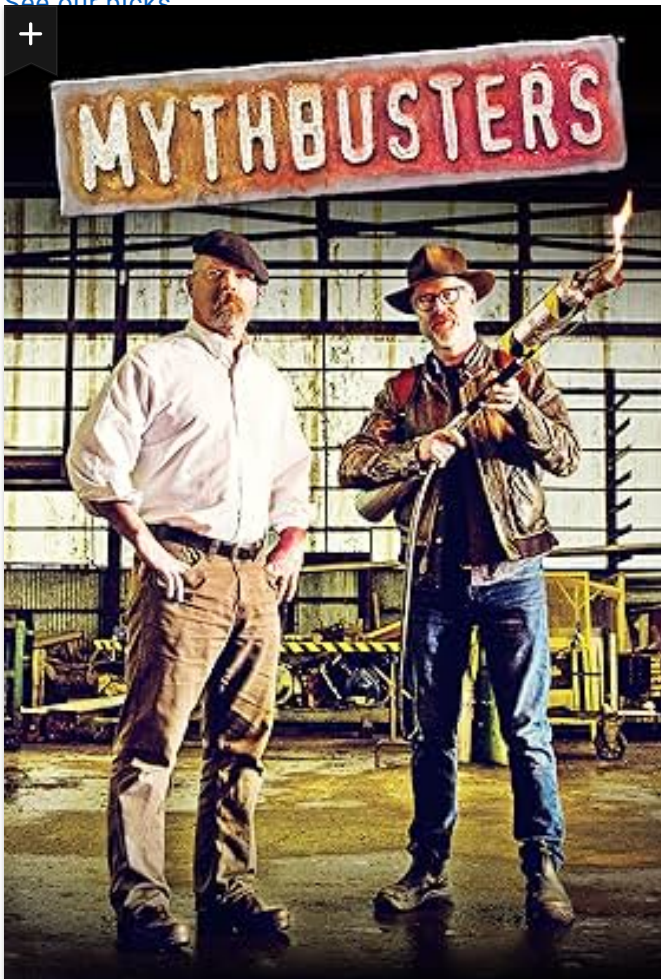


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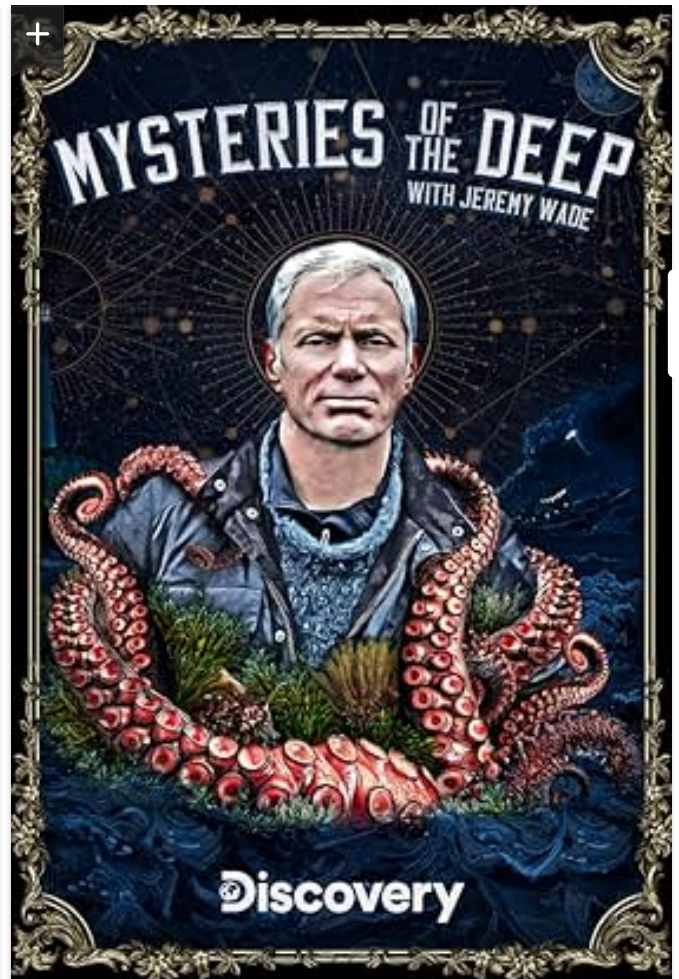
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