

Bringing Home The Martian

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COOLSHIRT Supports Oscar®-Nominated Film

Director Ridley Scott's 2015 movie, *The Martian*, had a worldwide theatrical gross of **\$630 million** as of June 2016 and earned seven Oscar® nominations. During production, it also had help from COOLSHIRT SYSTEMS.

In *The Martian*, Matt Damon's character is an astronaut stranded on the Red Planet. While the story throws a slew of interplanetary obstacles at the protagonist and his fellow astronauts, the film's costuming team had its own challenges: providing the cast and stunt team with space gear that was realistic-looking and functional.

The actors' comfort was also a priority. In addition to sound stage sets, *The Martian* filmed its exterior shots in the area of Wadi Rum in Jordan. This nearly 300-square-mile territory consists of canyons and red rock formations that are a close visual match to Mars but present much warmer conditions. Introduce cast members wearing costume space suits, and there's the potential for overheating.

COOLSHIRT responded to *The Martian's* needs by supplying the production with an order of **2Cool Water Shirts**. The product:

- Circulates cooling liquid through targeted heat zones.
- Uses patented non-kink tubing.
- Features a compression fit, moisture-wicking, and anti-microbial protection.

Other benefits that the garments offer came as a surprise. Erick Engebretson, who directs COOLSHIRT's Film / FX Division, says "Typically, actors wear the cooling garment under a costume where it won't be seen. However, *The Martian* chose to make our shirts visible. You can see actors wearing them in several scenes throughout the film." The sleek, high-tech look of COOLSHIRT garments fits well with the movie's NASA habitats and space suits.

See *The Martian* in theaters or in home release, and learn more about **COOLSHIRT's products for film**.



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