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BLADE RUNNER RELEASED

Blade Runner is a 1982 [science fiction film](#) directed by [Ridley Scott](#) from a screenplay by [Hampton Fancher](#) and [David Peoples](#). Starring [Harrison Ford](#), [Rutger Hauer](#), [Sean Young](#), and [Edward James Olmos](#), it is an adaptation of [Philip K. Dick's](#) 1968 novel *[Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?](#)*

The film is set in a [dystopian](#) future Los Angeles of 2019, in which [synthetic humans](#) known as [replicants](#) are [bio-engineered](#) by the powerful Tyrell Corporation to work on [space colonies](#). When a fugitive group of advanced replicants led by [Roy Batty](#) (Hauer) escapes back to Earth, former cop [Rick Deckard](#) (Ford) is recalled to hunt them down.

Blade Runner was released in 1,290 theatres on June 25, 1982. That date was chosen by producer Alan Ladd, Jr. because his previous highest-grossing films (Star Wars and Alien) had a similar opening date (May 25) in 1977 and 1979, making the date his "lucky day". The original *Blade Runner* was released in theatres in the United States and Canada on **June 25, 1982**.