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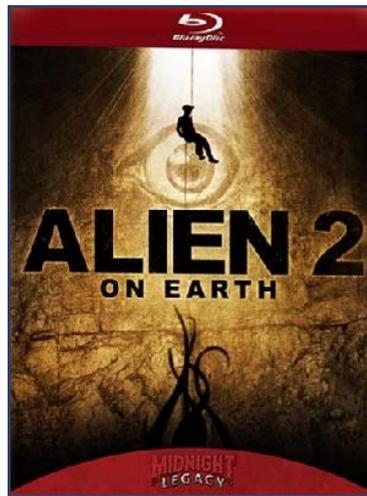
New on Blu-ray: 'Alien 2: On Earth'

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Blu-ray • Midnight Legacy, a new video distributor dedicated to uncovering forgotten Euroshock horror films, debuts their collection with a rather odd, Italian-produced "Alien 2: On Earth." This film was released in 1980 and intended as an unofficial sequel to Ridley Scott's "Alien" (much in the way Lucio Fulci's "Zombi 2" looked to steal the thunder of George A. Romero's "Dawn of the Dead" which was called "Zombi" in Italy). Written and directed by Ciro Ippolito under the name Sam Cromwell, "Alien 2" shares the idea of humans being used as incubators for potential newborn aliens but otherwise bears little to no resemblance to "Alien." In fact, it is more akin to "The Descent," but that film wouldn't be made for another 25 years. The film features the low production values, questionable acting, over-the-top gore that is more gooeey than it is realistic, but the storyline has just enough going for it to keep the film entertaining. The video transfer is absolutely sublime. You'd expect a film that never made it to theaters and only received a limited VHS release would look absolutely horrendous, but the care that Midnight Legacy put into the transfer gives the film a look that looks better than many of the major studio efforts on films from the same time period. Only the stock military footage shows any wear. Special features include a trailer lifted from a VHS release that shows how poorly the film could have looked. There is also an extended special effects reel that includes most of the footage that would eventually make up the trailer. If you're a hardcore Euroshock horror fan you have to be excited about what Midnight Legacy is doing for the genre. I can't wait to see what other films they'll be adding to their collection.



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