



## Ghias In The Movies

Get Smart (TV series 1965-1970 and film 2008)

Creator: Mel Brooks with Buck Henry; Starring Don Adams, Barbara Feldon, Edward Platt and a dashing blue KG cabrio

Maxwell Smart is a bumbling secret agent, assigned by his 'Chief' to foil KAOS' latest plans to take over the world. Invariably, Smart's bumbling detective style land him in hot water. Luckily for him, his faithful assistant '99' is there to bail him out.



In the opening credits, a Sunbeam Tiger was used for seasons 1–2. In seasons 3-4, Smart drives a light blue Karmann Ghia, because Volkswagen had become a sponsor of the show. The car was never used in the body of the show. In season 5 (1969–1970), Buick became a show sponsor, so the Tiger was replaced with a gold 1969 Opel GT, which also appears in the body of the show. In the short-lived 1995 TV series, Smart is trying to sell the Karmann Ghia through the classified ads.

The Sunbeam Tiger, the Karmann Ghia, and the Opel GT all make brief appearances in the 2008 film (*from which these screen grabs featuring a 1970 KG were taken*). The Sunbeam Tiger is seen in the CONTROL Museum, along with the original shoe phone, which Smart also briefly uses. The Opel GT is driven by Bernie Kopell and is rear ended by a truck. Smart steals the Karmann Ghia to continue his escape. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbPicTtuX3w>

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