

Paramount and Marvel Studios' Thor thundered into 25 international markets on Thursday, grossing an estimated \$8 million for a total \$23 million, including its Australian cume and previews. In France, the superhero pic—directed by Kenneth Branagh and starring Chris Hemsworth—grossed \$1.6 million, on par with Iron Man and X-Men Origins: Wolverine. Including previews, the two-day French total is \$2.9 million. In Germany, Thor's opening day gross of \$1.2 million outpaced Iron Man's debut by 33%, and Wolverine, 115%. Adding in previews, Thor's two-day take is \$1.5 million. Thor's two-day total in the U.K. is \$3.9 million, up 50% from Wolverine. Grosses include previews on Monday. Thor outpaced Iron Man in Russia and Argentina. The pic opened to \$1 million in Russia for a two-day total of \$1.4 million, 20% ahead of Iron Man. It earned \$110,000 in Argentina, 68% more than Iron Man. In Malaysia, Thor took in \$260,000, the biggest non-holiday opening ever for a

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