

What Kind Of Firework Is Your Man?

Introduction

It's Guy Fawkes night again, and huddling round the bonfire is guaranteed to either re-ignite the passion between you and your man, or get the flames of love burning with a new man. But as you watch the fireworks in the sky, think a little about the fireworks between you and him. Does your heart light up as you crackle and sparkle together, or do you secretly wish there were more shooting stars and big bangs in your love-life?

Check out Maggie Hyde's fun guide to the firework zodiac. Look up his starsign, and discover whether you're hitched to a Rocket or a Jumping Jack.

ARIES 21 Mar to 20 Apr

- Banger

Aries man is action man, which makes him the **Banger** of the firework zodiac because he is on a short fuse and he's got to have everything, including you, here and now. He never beats about the bush and what you see is what you get. He hangs out with the lads, he gets thrown by female mysteries and wiles, and when he goes off in a temper, the noise is scary. You'll never get a scenic show from him but with this energetic macho man always banging away at one thing after another, you'll never have a dull moment.

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TAURUS 21 Apr to 21 May

- Pyramid

Taurus man is a builder, which makes him the **Pyramid** of the firework zodiac because to give you his best, he's got to operate from a solid, secure base. Only when he's known you forever and he's certain of your affections will he begin to rise to his peak and unleash that passionate pyramid power. He's also steady and reliable, although he can sometimes be too passive when he just sits there and spouts. Make sure he doesn't become a non-starter by insisting on variety and novelty in your love-life, and then he's sure to deliver a multi-coloured burst.

Firing Time: 8

GEMINI 22 May to 21 Jun

- Jumping Jack

Gemini man is a Jack-the-Lad, wheeler-dealer go-between, which makes him the **Jumping Jack** of the firework zodiac because he finds it hard to settle down in any one place, with any one woman. He chops and changes his mind about his feelings for you and that's scary because he's so unpredictable, you never know where he's going to land next. He's noisy, too, crackling and snapping, and he can be so speedy and scattered, you've got to work hard to keep him focused. Get him to concentrate, though, and your energetic Gemini Twin could be quite a firework repeater.

Firing Time: 4

CANCER 22 Jun to 23 Jul

- Catherine Wheel

Cancer man is a provider and home-maker, romantic and nostalgic, which makes him the **Catherine Wheel** of the firework zodiac because love sends him into a complete spin. He's very attached to family life, but for fiery fun with him, you'll first have to free him from his mother and nail him down. He has to feel safe, and he'll whiz round and round, going nowhere, until he's sure of a loving response. Once he's got it, be ready for a shell burst which will astonish him with its intensity as much as it surprises you.

Firing Time: 6

LEO 24 Jul to 23 Aug

- Gold Canopy Finale

Leo man is a fire sign, a natural show-off who takes centre stage with his vitality and love of life, and this makes him the Gold Canopy Finale of the firework zodiac because he is so competitive, he's got to take top slot and be the final winner. He's generous and big-hearted, showering you with gifts, but he can be more interested in his own performance than in keeping you happy. All too soon, his starry cascade ends in a final big bang, leaving only traces of his golden glitter falling through the night sky.

Firing Time: 5

VIRGO 24 Aug to 23 Sep

- Sparkler

Virgo man is a worker and planner who doesn't take risks and likes to have everything neatly in hand. This makes him the **Sparkler** of the firework zodiac because he needs to know in his relationship that there's nothing too dramatic or unexpected about to happen that will knock him off course. He's safe and industrious, great with kids, and he'll rarely burn you. He often comes in small packets, however, but with the extra long, multi-coloured or indoor types to choose from, the sparkler is full of variety. Give him the right environment, hold him properly, and his sparks of love will forever brighten your life.

Firing Time: variable

LIBRA 24 Sep to 23 Oct

- Fountain

Libra man is a lover of justice, an artist and an educator, which makes him the **Fountain** of the firework zodiac because he aspires to all that is fair-minded, civilised and beautiful, and he is an oasis of peace and pleasure. He can't create anything without the support and inspiration of his beloved, though, and he's so indecisive that it often seems as if he's playing hard to get, so he needs you to make the first move. Unleash his creative passion and he'll cascade you with silver palms and turn your life into a rainbow of happiness.

Firing Time: 7

SCORPIO 24 Oct to 22 Nov

- Mine

Scorpio man is the **Mine** of the firework zodiac, a deceptive little fountain of gentle stars which suddenly erupts from the ground. He's secretive and seductive and he loves to build up an emotional atmosphere, keeping you guessing and making you anticipate what he will do next. He can be silent and moody, but he's a detective and investigator who can suss out your secrets and knows what's going on beneath the surface to make you and him tick. And just when you think things are over, a sudden burst of passion shocks and thrills you again.

Firing Time: 9

SAGITTARIUS 23 Nov to 21 Dec

- Rocket

Sagittarius man is a traveller, which makes him the **Rocket** of the firework zodiac because he aims high, shoots straight and whistles loudly on his way into deep space. He insists on freedom and avoiding commitment, and he's so athletic that he's thirsty for new conquests and will experiment with anything once. You might feel like a launching tube as you wave him yet another fond farewell, but like a comet, he'll blaze a trail into your heart and you'll be only too glad to welcome him home again when he's burnt out and spent.

Firing Time: 8

CAPRICORN 22 Dec to 20 Jan

- Roman Candle

Capricorn man is traditional and upright, which makes him the **Roman Candle** of the firework zodiac because he's what everyone expects from a decent firework and he always lives up to expectations. He's dutiful in life and love, making clear to you early on how committed he is, and you can depend on him to burn gently and steadily, periodically shooting out glittering stars and glowing balls of fire. If you make sure he doesn't get **too** rigid, and encourage him to change colours and finish with a few different sound effects and crackles now and again, his wick will burn for a long, long time.

Firing Time: 9

AQUARIUS 21 Jan to 19 Feb

- Strobe

Aquarian man is an inventor and eccentric, which makes him the **Strobe**, the newcomer of the firework zodiac, because he flashes very brightly on and off for brief periods of time, and he disorients you with his erratic behaviour and sudden moves. He does everything different to everyone else, so when he's in love, he can act cool and disinterested and you'd never guess how many volts were racing through his circuits. Turn him on, though, and that wonderful bright flash of silver insight will descend slowly on you and light up your life.

Firing Time: 7

PISCES 20 Feb to 20 Mar

- Star Canopy

Pisces man is a dreamer and this master of make-believe is the **Star Canopy** of the firework zodiac because he spreads over the whole sky, encompassing everything beneath him in a multitude of glittering displays. He needs to feel he's protecting those he loves and he takes your breath away with big, boastful ideas about all the amazing and colourful things you and he are going to do. Sadly, he doesn't always deliver what he promises, changing from one colour to another without warning, and to really reach the sky, he needs the woman of his dreams to light his fuse.

Firing Time: 5

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FIRING TIME

Let's face it, girls, size might not matter to you but time certainly does! No lusty lady wants the grand finale before her own blue touch-paper is lit, so if you're with an Aries or Sagittarian man, slowing him down is essential for pure pyro pleasure. No such trouble with a Taurus or Capricorn. In fact, you could rustle up and eat a three-course meal, and do the washing-up, in the time it takes him to launch his rocket. Check out the firing time duration for your favourite firework man, on our scale of 1-10 (where 1 = a flash in the dark, 10 = long lasting).

DAMP SQUIBS & NON-STARTERS

No matter how much powder a man packs, sometimes you just can't light his fuse. **Fire sign men (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius)** usually light easily and quickly, but they do have a commitment phobia and will be non-starters if you talk too much about kids and mortgages. By contrast, **Earthy men (Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn)** want you to be serious and you won't get much pyro action out of them unless they feel in control. They like to set the scene and have plenty of notice, so spontaneity and snatched, steamy encounters are guaranteed to defuse them. **Air sign men (Gemini, Libra, Aquarius)** love surprises but they can be difficult to ignite, especially in a wind. Even when you think you've got them going, a gust of emotions or sentimental pillow talk will blow them out again. **Water men (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces)** are more likely than any others to be damp squibs and to kindle them, you need a long warm-up time and lots of lovey-dovey assurances. But whatever firework or element your man is, remember - fireworks can be **dangerous**, so follow the instructions, take precautions, and always keep a safe distance!

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