

AC Softbox Kit XL



Precautions

- Please read and follow these instructions, and keep this manual in a safe place.
- This product is not designed for use with tungsten, tungsten-halogen, or other high-heat light sources with a combined output at or above 212°F / 100°C per light head (total among 4 lamps per head).
- This product is not designed for use with lamps above 75 W (300 W maximum per light head).
- Keep water and other liquids away from this product.
- Do not use this product near flammable gases or liquids.

Contents

- 2 AC light heads with 4 E26 / E27 sockets each
- 2 AC power cables
- 2 Softboxes with removable front diffusers
- 2 Spare fuses
- 2 Light Stands

Introduction

Thank you for choosing the ProMaster 2 – Light AC Softbox Kit XL. Equipped with E27 universal bulb/lamp sockets, these lights are compatible with small, medium, and most large LED and CFL lamps (be sure to use high-quality photographic lamps). Controls via 4 switches on the back of each light head allow you to turn each lamp ON or OFF independently of the others. A safety fuse is used in each light head for protection and a spare fuse is conveniently located in the fuse holder directly below the power cable socket. The softboxes conveniently attach to the light heads directly, without the need for speed rings.

When fully assembled using high quality photographic LED or CFL lamps, this kit provides excellent lighting for both still photography as well as videography. It is also portable and easy to use.

Features

- Independent controls for each lamp socket
- Softboxes mount directly to each light head (no speed rings required)
- · Extra-large light heads accept nearly all sizes of lamps
- Softboxes have a removable front diffuser and highly reflective silver interior
- · Compatible with E27 or E26 socket LED or CFL lamps
- · Generously long AC power cables

Parts Diagram

Figure 1



- 1. Upper Softbox Mounting Holes
- 2. Handle
- 3. Control Switches
- 4. Umbrella Hole

- 5. Power Cable Socket
- 6. Fuse Holder
- 7. Lower Softbox Mounting Holes
- 8. Tilt Control Knob
- 9. Light Stand Attachment Knob

Setup Instructions

It is advisable to assemble and mount the softboxes, light heads, and light stands before inserting the 4 lamps into each light head. This ensures the lamps are stored and protected while the other assembly is taking place.

For the purposes of these instructions, each light head is mounted to a light stand before the softbox is attached. However, if you prefer to mount the softboxes to the heads before attaching the assembly to the light stands you may do so.

- 1. Remove the softboxes, light heads, and light stands from the box.
- Extend each of the light stands by first opening the base and then extending the column sections to a comfortable working height.
- 3. Mount the light heads to the top of each light stand using the Light Stand Attachment Knob (9) to hold it securely.
- 4. Connect one softbox rod to either of the Upper Softbox Mounting Holes (1) on each light head.
- 5. Unfold the softboxes, without their front diffusers attached, and slide one softbox over the single rod already mounted to each light while inserting the open end of the rod into a corner pocket of the softbox.
 - Be sure the softbox is oriented in a vertical "portrait" position rather than a horizontal "landscape" position on each light.
- 6. Working from the inside of the softbox, insert a second softbox rod into the other Upper Softbox Mounting Hole (1) and then insert this rod's open end into another upper corner pocket of the softbox.
- 7. Now the two lower softbox rods need to be inserted. These will be more difficult as the softbox is now taking shape. Connect the rods, one at a time, to each of the Lower Softbox Mounting Holes (7). Flex each rod as you insert its open end into one of the softbox's lower corner pockets.
- With each softbox fully mounted to each light and the lights securely
 mounted to the light stands you can now install 4 lamps into each
 light head.
- 9. When finished installing all of the lamps, mount the white diffusion panel to the front of each softbox by overlapping the front edge of the softbox and using the hook and loop fasteners to join the diffuser's inner edge to the softbox's outer edge.
- 10. Finally, unwrap and connect the AC cords to each light head by connecting them to the head first using the Power Cable Socket (5) and then to an AC receptacle.

Control Switch Map

Figure 2



Take-down instructions

- 1. Turn all of the Control Switches (3) to the OFF position and wait for the lamps to cool down before touching.
- Remove, wrap, and store the AC cords by first disconnecting them from the AC receptacles and then disconnecting them from the light heads.
- 3. Remove and store the lamps.
- 4. Remove, fold, and store the front diffusers from each softbox.
- Disconnect the rods, one by one, from the softboxes and light heads.You will need to flex them to do this.
- 6. Fold and store the softboxes.
- 7. Dismount the light heads from the stands and store the light heads.
- 8. Collapse the light stands and store them.

Operational notes

- 1. Use the 4 Control Switches (3) on the back of each light head to control each of the lamps. Refer to figure 2 for a map of which switch controls each lamp socket.
- 2. Use the Tilt Control Knob (8) at the base of each light head to tilt the position of each light. Loosen the Light Stand Attachment Knob (9) slightly when you want to rotate the light head on the light stand. Always hold the Handle (2) on the back of each light while making these adjustments. Be sure to tighten these control knobs once you have finished making adjustments to the position of the light head.
- 3. While softboxes are included with this kit, the lights are also compatible with most photographic umbrellas. To use an umbrella simply leave the softbox off the light head, open an umbrella, and insert its shaft into the center Umbrella Hole (4) in the light head.
- 4. Each light head uses a protection fuse located in the Fuse Holder (6). A spare is also stored in the Fuse Holder (6). If the light head is connected to AC power and has lamps installed but will not turn ON, the fuse may have blown. Before checking the fuse be sure to turn all of the Control Switches (3) OFF and disconnect AC power. Check the total wattage of the 4 bulbs does not exceed 300W (if they do, you will continue to blow fuses). Also ensure you have a stable AC power supply. To remove the Fuse Holder (6) use a small coin. Insert the coin into the slot at the top of the Fuse Holder (6) and pull it out. The AC power cord must be removed to access the slot in the holder.
- These light heads use F8AL 250 V 8 A fuses. If you need to purchase additional fuses they are typically available at most hardware and home improvement stores.
- 6. The Tilt Control Knob (8) uses a multi-position type handle. To change the position of its handle simply pull out on it (away from the light), rotate it to a new position and release it. Be sure to hold the light head firmly as you do this to avoid having it fall.
- 7. You will notice more softbox mounting holes on the rim of each light head than the 4 identified in this manual. These holes are used with other types of softboxes not included in this kit (sold separately).

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