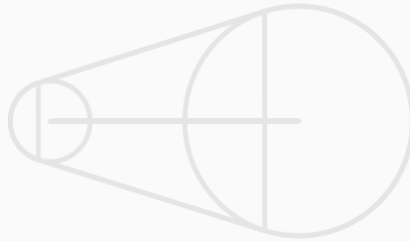


Light Beam v1.0

An Intuitive Tapered Beam Preset for After Effects



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Installation:

1. Add the .ffx file to your User Presets* folder:
 - Documents/Adobe/After Effects [version]/User Presets (macOS)
 - My Documents\Adobe\After Effects [version]\User Presets (Windows)
2. In After Effects, click the menu button on the top of the Effects & Presets panel, and select "Refresh List."
3. You can now search for the installed preset in the Effects & Presets panel.

If your User Presets folder does not exist, you can generate one:

1. Open your desired version of After Effects.
2. Create a new layer and select any property on it.
3. Click the file icon on the bottom of the Effects & Presets panel.
4. Save the preset as "temp.ffx" or just click cancel.

Your User Presets folder is now ready. Start from the first step of installation.

Workflow:

- With nothing selected, run the preset from your Effects & Presets panel. This also works if you have a shape layer selected, it will just add the shape group and effect to anything that's already on your layer.
- Link one or both endpoint controls to objects or nulls in your scene. If you leave one blank, it will follow the anchor point on the Light Beam layer itself.
- Set your desired "Start Size" and "End size."
- Choose whether you want the sizes to follow the scale and 3D perspective of the endpoints with the "Scale with Layers" checkbox.
- Set one of the scale properties to a negative value if you want a "Figure 8" shape.
- Trim the beam with fully reversible "Trim Paths"-style completion properties.
- Style the beam with your own fills or strokes. Copies of the endpoint paths can be moved to their own shape groups to style the circles on each end.

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