

## OctoDome® nxt: Extra Small Kit

Before assembling your OctoDome® nxt: extra small kit, make sure all components are present. You will need:

- OctoDome® nxt: extra small (A)
- Basic Metal OctoConnector® (B)
- Adjustable ShoeMount Hardware (C)
- Heavy Duty Aluminum Swivel (D)

### Attach Adjustable ShoeMount to the Basic Metal OctoConnector

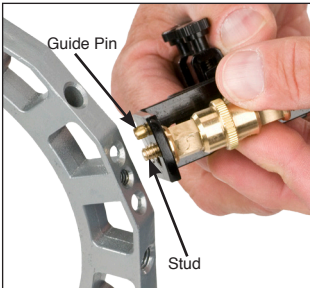


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1. Use the smaller threaded end (1/4" -20) of the Reversible Stud to attach the ShoeMount Hardware to the smaller threaded hole in the basic OctoConnector (Fig. 1). There is a guide pin at the top of the bracket which lines up with the untapped holes adjacent to the 1/4" threaded hole for added stability. The guide pin is removable for use with the larger tapped holes that don't have guide holes. The guide pin can be re-inserted from the underside for storage on the hardware. The larger 3/8" thread and tapped holes are used for larger softboxes and are recommended for use with rectangular softboxes, as they facilitate lining up the softbox parallel to the floor.
2. A screwdriver can be inserted into the pass hole in the stud to assist in tightening the ShoeMount hardware. An open ended wrench can also be used on the flat surfaces of the stud. The ShoeMount hardware should extend out from the side with the red circles and blue squares (Fig. 2).

### Attach the OctoDome SoftBox to the Basic Metal OctoConnector

3. The softbox includes eight rods. The rods should already be inserted into the interior sleeves of the softbox (Fig. 3). We recommend leaving the rods in the sleeves during storage. It is normal for them to develop a slight bend where they attach to the OctoConnector.
4. The Extra Small OctoDome has a removable section of one of the flaps, designed to wrap around the Adjustable ShoeMount hardware. Start assembly of the rods at this wrap around section (Fig. 4).
5. Insert the rods into the holes marked by the red circles along the perimeter of the connector (Figs. 5-6). It is normal to flex the rods while assembling the softbox.

**NOTE: Circle icons (●) are for OctoDomes and square icons (■) are for rectangular softboxes.**

6. Be sure each rod seats all the way into the connector holes by pushing down on the connector (Fig. 7).



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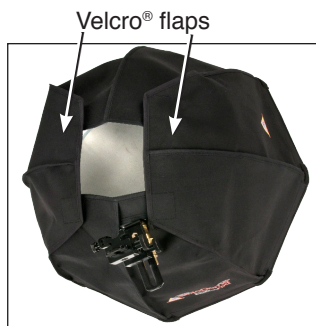


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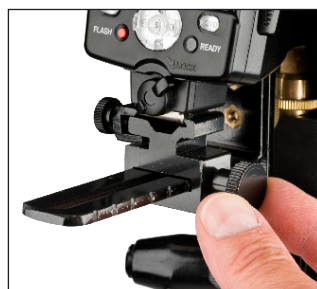


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Figure 17.

- The wrap around section connects with Velcro® around the Adjustable ShoeMount Adapter (Fig. 8). The flaps of the softbox near the connector ring can be connected at the corners using the Velcro® sewn into the flaps (Fig. 9).

#### Align Vertical Adjustment Screw

- The vertical adjustment screw for the Adjustable ShoeMount adapter needs to be set and tightened before the next step, as the Aluminum Swivel blocks easy access to this adjustment. Place your shoe flash in position by attaching your flash to the shoe mount closest to the softbox. Be sure to tighten the locking ring of your flash for optimal security. Loosen the adjustment screw on the ShoeMount just enough to slide your flash shoe into the mount, then tighten the adjustment screw securely (Fig. 10). If you will be using a radio remote that is placed under your shoe flash, be sure to set it up the same way for this adjustment.
- Use the gold knob to adjust the height of the vertical riser so that your flash is lined up in the center of the ring (Fig. 11).

#### Using the Heavy-Duty Aluminum Swivel to Attach Assembly to a LiteStand® or LiteReach®

- Secure the swivel onto the stud that attached the ShoeMount Hardware to the OctoConnector ring (Fig. 12).
- After inserting the stud into the swivel, tighten the set-screw knob against one of the flat sides of the stud to ensure a secure fit (Fig. 13).
- Secure entire assembly to top of light stand or LiteReach (Fig. 14).
- The handle can be repositioned after tightening by pulling the handle outward, away from the clamp, then moving to desired position and resetting the handle (Fig. 15).

#### Positioning Your Flash

- Adjust the ShoeMount set screw on the horizontal rail to position the flash as close as possible to the softbox (Fig. 16).

#### Attaching a Radio Trigger

- There is a second shoe mount included for use with a radio remote (Fig. 17).
- The radio remote can be mounted upside down for easier access to your shoe flash (Fig. 18).
- Some radio remotes can be used stacked between the ShoeMount and flash (Fig. 19).



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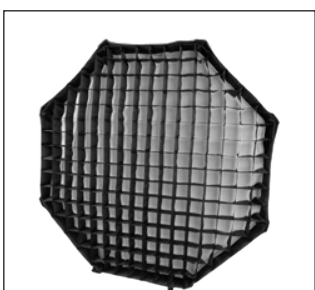


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### Attach Inner Baffle & Front face to the Softbox

19. With both the front face and inner baffle attached, the light will be softest. For a little more contrast, try using just the baffle. The baffle installs to the Velcro® tabs (Figs. 20-21)
20. The front face diffuser is rimmed with Velcro® that attaches to its counterpart lining at the front of the OctoDome. Starting at any corner, press the face diffuser in place working your way around the circumference (Figs. 22-23)
21. The front face is usually best when attached halfway into the Velcro® section. When using the optional grid, it may be preferred to leave more Velcro® showing for the grid.

### Using Optional Accessories (Not Included)

22. For added control of your light, softbox grids can be used. The grid will attach using Velcro® in front of your diffusion face (Fig. 24).

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- Warranties only cover manufacturer's defects and workmanship
- OctoDome has a 6 year warranty. All other kit items have a 5 year warranty
- We reserve the right to inspect all merchandise returned (end users and dealers) for warranty fulfillment.
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