



# Folding Beauty Dish

## Guide



## Introduction

The Glow <sup>™</sup> Folding Beauty Dish is a light modifier that provides extra large beauty light advantages with strobes, monolights, and most LED lights. The collapsible, light weight, compact and durable design is perfect for the portrait or event photographer shooting weddings, dinners, proms, or corporate events on location.

The Glow Folding Beauty dish is ready for use immediately. No construction or assembly is needed. Simply follow the setup directions opening the fiberglass frame for a quick and secure finish. The flexible structure is impact resistant and holds up better than traditional metallic dishes, subject to damage in transportation and use. There is no struggling with assembling rods or speed rings. The setup is express and straightforward. The large collapsible beauty dish's hinged frame folds up neatly to a transportable size, ready for the next assignment. The classic look of beauty dish lighting is achieved by duplicating the indirect light design of a center deflector disk that is positioned directly over the flashtube. For an even softer effect, a removable front diffuser is included. The deflector cap can be removed to attain a harsher lighting effect through the diffuser, similar to a softbox.

The Flashpoint Folding Beauty Dish comes with a Bowens Style reflector mount that can be easily be exchanged with any of the wide range of Beauty Dish Adapters (not included), for adaptation to most popular flash head mounts.



## Precautions

- Please study this guide and store for future reference.
- The materials used in this product are not waterproof or flame resistant. Care must be taken to avoid damage.
- Attach strobes with modeling lamps following the recommended bulb wattage limits.
- Store in a cool and dry environment.
- Glow Folding Beauty Dishes are not designed for quartz or tungsten lighting. Prolonged exposure to high temperatures may damage the materials of the product.
- Beauty dish and diffuser can be hand cleaned with cold water and mild detergent. Air dry.
- Handle this beauty dish with care when opening and closing.
- Make sure the unit is intact and there are no missing parts.
- All photos in the manual are for illustrative purposes only.

### INCLUDES:

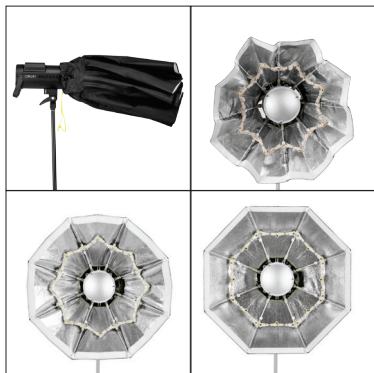
- Glow Folding Beauty Dish with integrated reflector mount
- White front diffuser material
- Removable Wrap Strip Binding Closure
- Carrying case



## Setup Instructions



1. After removing the folding beauty dish from the carrying case, loosen or remove the Wrap Strip Binding Closure that is holding the beauty dish closed.
2. **There are 2 ways to proceed.**  
Both will require locking the beauty dish on the flashhead as per the "Installing On Flashhead", either as the next step or the last one.
- 2A. **Mount the closed Folding Beauty Dish on the flash you wish to use.** The light must be firmly attached to a lightstand or support. Carefully spread the fiberglass rods out to open the umbrella completely.
- 2B. An alternative way without mounting on a flash first, is to rest the back of the beauty dish on a flat surface and spread out the fiberglass rods.



3. Push the flex tabs between each support rod toward the center of the beauty dish until each joint is straight and locked into place.

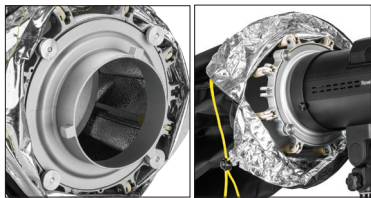
When the circuit is completed, you are ready to use the beauty dish. Mount the dish on a light, if you have not done so already.

### NOTE:

Prevent stress on the umbrella material during setup by locking the flex joints on opposite sides, simultaneously, rather than in a clockwise progression. Use both hands to lock the tabs.

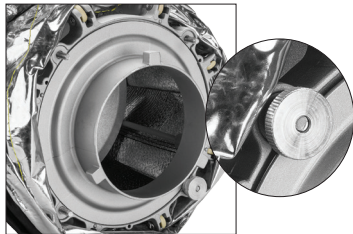


## Installing on Flash Head



### INSTALLING ON FLASH HEAD

1. Move the fabric collar aside to expose the reflector mount.
2. Align the tabs of the reflector mount ring with the mount of the light head. Carefully align and lock the beauty dish in place by turning the ring clockwise until it clicks, according to your mount design.
3. Now that the beauty dish is securely attached to the light head, cover the flashhead mount with the yellow fabric draw string collar and tighten to prevent light leaks.
4. When using an different Beauty Dish Mount Adapter, follow the strobe's instructions for installing a reflector.



### INSTALLING AN OPTIONAL BEAUTY DISH ADAPTER RING

If your flash uses a different mount than the Bowens, a beauty dish adapter is needed. The process is simple to exchange the reflector's mount ring:

1. Unscrew 3 thumb nuts and remove the washers, leaving the 4th one attached. The reflector mount ring slips out easily.
2. The wide flange of the beauty dish adapter fits into the support ring. Slip the adapter under the 4th thumbnut. Fit the ring onto the screws. Replace the 3 washers and thumbnuts and securely tighten.



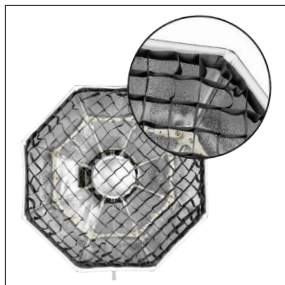
## Light Modifiers



### ATTACHING THE FRONT DIFFUSER

The included diffuser material fits snugly over the beauty dish front without the use of snaps or connectors.

1. Unfold the diffusion material and align the diffuser's corners with the outside corners of the opened beauty dish.
2. Secure the diffuser by stretching the edge over the matching corners of the beauty dish. Check that the diffuser covers all 8 corners of the perimeter of the beauty dish.



### THE OPTIONAL GLOW HONEYCOMB GRID

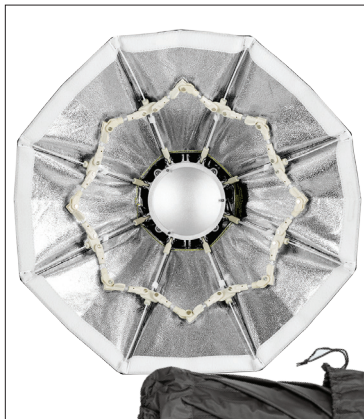
is a powerful tool to gain more control of the beauty dish beam, and feathers the light for an attractive shadow.

This strong directionality can be used to add high key depth for fashion images, and emphasis the model facial structure as well as the eyes, lips, nose and chin.

The Grid attaches to the white Velcro strips surrounding the inside edge of the dish. Simply secure the grid by following around the perimeter in a clockwise fashion, until the circle is complete. Adjust to make the grid evenly spaced.



## Closing and Storage



1. Unlock the beauty dish from the strobe light mount and carefully remove.
2. Press the flex joints toward the outer edge of the beauty dish to loosen the tabs. Bring the support rods in toward the center of the dish as if closing an umbrella.
3. Attach the removable Wrap Strip Binding Closure and secure it around the closed dish. Slide the folded beauty dish in the carrying case and tighten the draw string lock.

Specifications	GLFBDS/W-28	GLFBDS/W-34	GLFBDS/W-40
Diameter	27.5" / 70 cm	33.5" / 85 cm	39.5" / 100 cm
Depth	7.75" / 19.5 cm	8.5" / 21.5 cm	9.5" / 24 cm
Weight	2.5 lb. / 1.1 kg	2.7 lb. / 1.2 kg	3.0 lb. / 1.4 kg
Shape	Octagonal	Octagonal	Octagonal
Deflector cap	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bowens mount adapter	Yes	Yes	Yes



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