# SETUP & USAGE

## REMOVING THE WESTCOTT ZEPPELIN<sup>™</sup> FROM THE ZEPPELIN<sup>™</sup> MOUNTING BRACKET WITH BUILT-IN SPEEDRING

- 1. Remove the rear ventilation cover and both diffusion panels.
- 2. If using Mounting Method #1, remove your light head from the Zeppelin Speedring Mounting Bracket.
- 3. If using Mounting Method #2, remove the light head and second light stand through the zippered opening.
- 4. If using Mounting Method #3, remove the light head from the Boom Arm within the softbox.
- 5. Loosen the silver tension knobs on the Zeppelin Speedring Bracket and remove the Zeppelin from the light stand.
- 6. Place the front edge/face of the Zeppelin Softbox onto a flat surface.
- Grasp one rod with your dominant hand and pull slightly while pushing against the bracket. Repeat with each rod. Remove every other rod from the speedring for easiest disassembly.

## CAUTION

- Never use lighting products in or around liquid.
- Zeppelin owners should comply with the Maximum Wattages stated by Westcott.
- Important: When using the internal mounting method please avoid touching the light head's bulbs and/or flash tubes to the fabric as this could result in permanent damage to the bulbs and/or the Zeppelin softbox.
- Important: Westcott recommends that ALL Zeppelin owners use ONLY those Zeppelin Speedrings & Mounting brackets specified and approved by Westcott. Failure to do so could result in damaging the light head and/or the Zeppelin softbox. Please visit the Zeppelin product pages at fjwestcott.com to find a complete listing of approved speedrings and mounting brackets.
- Each rod must be gently seated completely into the corresponding speedring hole before moving to the next hole. Do not force rods into place. Failing to do so could result in the rods becoming permanently bent, damaging the softbox, damaging the light head, or causing personal injury.
- Rods may become bent due to improper assembly. Slight bending of the rods WILL NOT affect the performance of the Zeppelin product.

## WARRANTY

## One year against manufacturer defect.

Westcott's warranty obligations for this product are limited to the terms set forth below: The F.J. Westcott Co. ("Westcott") warrants this Westcott branded product against defects in materials and workmanship under normal use for a period of ONE (1) YEAR from the date of retail purchase by the original end-user purchaser ("Warranty Period"). If a defect arises and a valid daim is received within the Warranty Period, at its option and to the extent permitted by law, Westcott will either (1) repair the defect at no charge, using new or refurbished replacement parts, or (2) exchange the product with a product that is new or which has been manufactured from new or serviceable used parts and is at least functionally equivalent to the original product. This Limited Warranty applies only to products manufactured by or for Westcott that.

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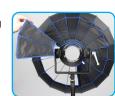
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#### ZEPPELIN DEEP PARABOLIC SOFTBOX ASSEMBLY (Requires the Zeppelin Speedring Bracket - Part# 3740/3741 /3742/3743 - Sold Separately)

- Layout the Zeppelin Softbox flat on the floor, with the zippered entry point centered facing upward. Locate the two centered rods. Both rods should be aligned on either side of the zipper.
- 2. With the Zeppelin Speedring & Mounting Bracket in hand, insert both rods into the corresponding receptacles on the BOTTOM of the mounting bracket.
- Find the opposing rods, located on the opposite side of the softbox, and place these rods into the corresponding receptacles on the TOP of the mounting bracket.
- 4. All rods should now be arranged on the outside of the mounting bracket for easier installation.
- To install the remaining 12 rods, place rods in the similar pattern by placing opposing rods into corresponding receptacles on the mounting bracket.
- 6. When all rods are secured in the Zeppelin Speedring Bracket, the assembly process is complete.
- Ensure that the yoke of the Zeppelin Speedring Bracket is parallel to the floor and tighten to this position with the adjustable silver handles located on the bracket.
- \* Please note: the following steps will be skipped when using the 3rd mounting option (see mounting option #3 and instructions to right).
- Grasp one rod of the Zeppelin Softbox with one hand and the Zeppelin Speedring Bracket with the other. Lift the pair and mount onto an assembled light stand.
- 9. Tighten the tension knob located on the bracket to ensure secure placement.
- Attach the rear heat-resistant collar using to the hook-and-loop strip found along the exterior edge of the softbox.
- \* Please note: the heat-resistant collar may overlap the Zeppelin Speedring Bracket when attached properly.



# MOUNTING A LIGHT HEAD TO THE WESTCOTT ZEPPELIN PARA SOFTBOX

Please reference your light head manual to ensure correct attachment and positioning on any speedring, bracket, stand, or arm.

### Mounting Option #1: Rear Mount of the Light Head

- Once assembly of the Zeppelin Deep Parabolic softbox is complete, affix your light head to the speedring located on the rear of the Zeppelin Speedring Bracket.
- Confirm that your light head is secure. Failure to do so could result in the light head becoming loose from the speedring and being damaged.
- \* Please note that when using the 1st mounting

option, it is common to use the included ½-stop inner diffusion panel to reduce any possible hotspots. This panel can be attached with the elastic button tabs located on the interior of the softbox. The included front diffusion panel may also be attached for further light diffusion. The front diffusion panel can be attached to the Zeppelin Softbox via the hook-and-loop strip located on the interior edge of the opening.

#### Mounting Option #2: Internal Light Head Mount Using Secondary Light Stand

\* Please note that, for proper utilization of this mounting method, you must ensure that the zippered panel is facing the floor during assembly (see Softbox Assembly steps 1 and 2 to left).

- \* Please note that, while not required, Westcott highly recommends the purchase of the Zeppelin Deflector Plate (Westcott Part# 3730-DP, sold separately) to minimize light spill when utilizing this mounting method.
- 1. Once assembly of the Zeppelin Deep Parabolic Softbox is complete, attach the Zeppelin Deflector Plate to the Zeppelin Speedring Bracket to ensure maximum light output (see Mounting the Deflector Plate to right).
- 2. Unzip the mounting panel located on the bottom exterior of the softbox.
- Insert an additional light stand through the zippered opening and mount your light head onto this light stand.



- Confirm that your light head is secure. Failure to do so could result in the light head becoming loose
  - from the speedring and being damaged.
- \* Please note when using the second mounting option, Westcott DOES NOT recommend using the ½-stop inner diffusion panel. The front diffusion panel, however, may be used to soften the light source. The front diffusion panel can be attached to the Zeppelin Softbox via the hook-and-loop strip located on the interior edge of the opening.

### Mounting Option #3: Internal Light Head Mount Using Westcott Boom Arm (Requires the Westcott Boom Arm - Part# 6017 - Sold Separately)

\*Please note that, while not required, Westcott highly recommends the purchase of the Zeppelin Deflector Plate (Westcott Part# 3730-DP, sold separately) to minimize light spill when utilizing this mounting method.

- 1. Complete assembly of the Zeppelin Deep Parabolic Softbox, leaving the rear heat resistant collar unattached (complete step 2 prior to mounting on a stand).
- 2. Locate the Westcott Boom Arm and mount to an assembled light stand ensuring that the Boom Arm is balanced properly.
- 3. Lift the Zeppelin Softbox and Speedring Bracket with both hands and thread the spigot end of the Boom Arm carefully between two exposed rods located near the rear of the softbox.
- Attach the Zeppelin Softbox and Speedring Bracket to the light stand. Tighten the tension knob located on the bracket to ensure security.
- 5. Attach the Zeppelin Deflector Plate to the Zeppelin Speedring Bracket to ensure maximum light output.
- Attach the rear heat-resistant collar to the Zeppelin Softbox to ensure maximize light output.
- Affix your light head to the spigot on the boom arm. When assembled correctly, the boom are will be located inside of the Zeppelin Softbox.



- Confirm that your light head is secure. Failure to do so could result in the light head becoming loose from the speedring and being damaged.
- \* Please note that, depending on the design of your light head, additional hardware (such as a tilter bracket or spigot) may be required to successfully attach your light head to the boom arm.

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES: MOUNTING THE ZEPPELIN<sup>™</sup> DEFLECTOR PLATE

The Zeppelin Deflector Plate should only be used when utilizing mounting method #2 and # 3. The deflector plate will eliminate back spill of light, maximizing your light output. To quickly install the Zeppelin Deflector Plate, simply point the dome of the plate towards the rear of the Zeppelin, and position the deflector plate's clips to slide onto the silver portion of the

speedring. The deflector plate is easily removable by removing the Zeppelin's back ventilation collar, locating the back of the deflector plate, and gently pressing forward until the clips release from the speedring.



