

# Instructions for the Paul C. Buff SBA FOLDABLE SOFTBOX STAND MOUNT ADAPTER

The SBA adapter is designed for use with **all current Paul C. Buff foldable softboxes and octaboxes** (FSB and FOB models) with **standard Paul C. Buff flash units** (AlienBees, Einstein, X-Series, UltraZAP, Ultra, and Zeus) on **heavy-duty, 13-foot light stands** (LS3900 or TS13AC) or other manufacturers' comparable stands. As the SBA adapter is designed for use with **Paul C. Buff flash units ONLY**, we cannot make any claim for suitability with flash units from other manufacturers, nor can we accept any liability for any damage that might be caused to such flash units.

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**Begin with your foldable softbox collapsed (unassembled).** Fold back some of the exterior softbox fabric around the speedring to reveal the four poles that make up the frame for the softbox, octabox, or stripbox. Each pole is connected to the speedring on the interior side of the metal ring.

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**Loosen the hexagonal metal nuts on the softbox frame poles.** Using the **provided 7mm wrench** (included with each SBA adapter), twist left to loosen the nut on each of the four softbox frame poles.

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*4 corresponding metal nuts on the exterior side (closeup of nut below)*



**Locate the four corresponding hexagonal metal nuts** on the outside of the speedring. One nut is tightened around the threaded end of each of the four softbox frame poles.

**Note:** There are also 4 larger, round thumb screws on the outside of the speedring that hold the center ring in place. These are **NOT** used to attach the SBA adapter.

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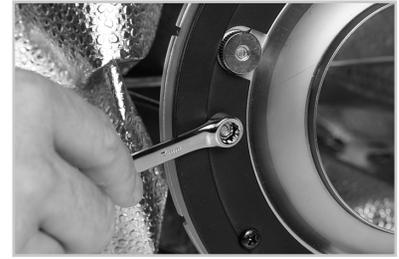
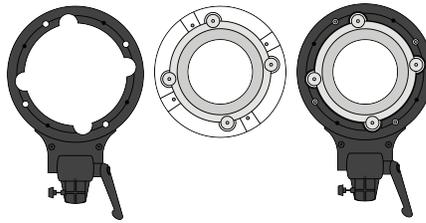
**Loosen and remove these four metal nuts and their washers.** Twist left with the wrench to loosen and remove the metal nuts, then remove the round metal washers located under each nut as well. You will use the removed nuts and washers (4 nuts and 4 washers) again in step 6.

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**Gently press the speedring down** towards the softbox, pressing until the back side of the speedring is flush against the metal nuts on the softbox frame poles. You should be able to see the exposed threaded ends of these poles on the outside of the speedring better.

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**Place the SBA adapter on the speedring.** The four small holes spaced around the SBA circular adapter correspond to the four threaded ends of the softbox poles that are now exposed on the softbox speedring. With the light stand mount facing away from the softbox and speedring, place the SBA adapter on the speedring, lining up each threaded softbox pole to fit inside its corresponding hole on the adapter.

**Replace and tighten the washers and nuts.** On each screw, replace the washer first, then the nut, and twist right with the wrench to tighten. **Ensure that all four metal nuts are tight and secure.**

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**Expand and assemble your softbox.** With the SBA adapter attached to the speedring, open and expand your softbox normally, using the softbox's center knob screw to lock the open frame position. Attach your internal baffle and front diffusion panel as desired.

**Expand your light stand** and tighten the knobs to secure its position. The footprint of the stand should be opened wide to help balance the setup (sandbags or weights may be necessary with the larger boxes).

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**Mount the assembled softbox with SBA adapter to your light stand.** Place the adapter's stand mount over your light stand and slide the light stand's top coupler inside the stand mount's open chamber. Tighten the black T-screw to secure the position on the light stand.

Angle adjustments can be made with the handle on the opposite side. Note that this handle has a ratchet action: pulling out on the handle allows you to alter its position in order to make adjustments without bumping the softbox or SBA adapter.

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**Mount your flash unit to the softbox.** With your flash unit powered OFF and unplugged, attach it to the SBA adapter and speedring as you would attach any traditional softbox speedring or reflector, using the faceplate quick-release lever (or antennae, on AlienBees units) to expand and contract the faceplate holding fingers. Contract the four fingers, place them inside the SBA center hole, then release the lever/antennae to expand the fingers and hold the position secure.



**Ensure that ALL FOUR FINGERS are inside the center ring, securely holding the flash unit.**



**When disassembling, be sure to support your flash unit when you release the fingers.** Remember, the softbox is supported by the stand, so you need to support the weight of the flash unit.

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