



# RAPIDBOX™

SWITCH LANTERN

## Quick Start Guide

# Included Components

- (1) Lantern Frame
- (1) Lantern Softbox
- (1) Lantern Dot
- (1) Travel Case

**Switch Light Mount Inserts sold separately. Please visit [fjwestcott.com/switch](http://fjwestcott.com/switch) for available options.**

## Assembly

### Attaching a Switch Insert to the Lantern

On the edge of the Switch Lantern ring, locate the three metal tabs and the thumb lock. Slide the Switch Insert (sold separately) under the three tabs while shifting the thumb lock outwards. Once in place, release the thumb lock to secure.



### Opening the Switch Lantern

1. Slide the collapsed Lantern frame into the opening of the fabric softbox with the Switch Insert end facing out.  
*Note: For proper fabric fitment, while pressing down on the Switch Lantern adapter ring, ensure the seams of the fabric are aligned with the frame's ribs.*
2. While holding the fabric in place, stand the Switch Lantern on the floor or a table so that the Switch Insert is facing upwards.  
*Note: The Switch Lantern comes with a fabric dot equipped with a hook-and-loop fastener. This dot can be affixed to the front of the modifier to help maintain a clean diffusion fabric during assembly. It can also be used to help reduce hot spots during use.*
3. Continue holding the fabric with one hand. Place your palms on both sides of the adapter ring and slowly push down until the internal horizontal bar is secured in place by the two wide hooks at the base of the frame.  
*Note: The ribs of the lantern should bow outwards to create a ball shape. If a rib bends inwards, gently reduce the downward pressure until the rib self adjusts to bend outward.*
4. Once the horizontal bar is securely in place, close the collar of the Switch Lantern by utilizing the hook-and-loop fasteners.

## Disassembly

1. Undo the collar's hook-and-loop fasteners.
2. With your hands on each side of the adapter ring, push down until the internal horizontal bar is below the hooks located at the base of the Lantern frame.
3. Maneuver the bar so that it's clear of the hooks and slowly reduce the pressure on the adapter ring until the Lantern reaches the fully collapsed position.



**Important:** Do not remove your hands from the adapter ring until the Lantern returns to the collapsed position. Failure to do so may result in the Lantern springing upwards and causing personal injury or property damage.

## Mounting a Strobe or Constant Light

1. Place your light source onto a light stand, boom, or mounting arm.
2. After affixing your light source's compatible Switch Insert (sold separately) to the Switch Lantern, align the insert with the face of your light.
3. Secure the Switch Lantern to your light source. Refer to your light source manual for proper mounting methods.



## Mounting a Speedlite

1. After attaching the Switch FJ80 Insert #2544 or Speedlite Insert #2541 (both sold separately) to the Switch Lantern, locate the two pins on the Insert. While pressing the longer pin, rotate the adapter mount counterclockwise until it locks into place.
2. Locate the shoe mount tilter bracket included with the Switch Insert. Align the bracket's screw to the channel located on the Insert. Tighten the screw to secure the bracket at the height required for your light.
3. Loosen the tension knob on the base of the tilter bracket and place it on a light stand. Tighten the tension knob to secure.
4. Loosen the tension screw on the side of the cold shoe bracket and slide your speedlight into place. Tighten screw to secure.
5. Utilize the cold shoe's lower tension knob to adjust the speedlite's distance from the Switch Lantern.



## Changing Switch Inserts

1. Remove the Switch Lantern from the light source after it has cooled.
2. To remove the insert, locate the thumb lock on the rear of the Switch Lantern, slide outward, and gently slide up and away from the thumb lock.



## Caution

- Failure to properly lock the Switch Insert in place may cause damage to the Switch Lantern and light source.
- Failure to confirm that the Switch Lantern is properly assembled and mounted could place unnecessary stress on the ribs and can cause permanent damage to your Switch Lantern.
- Failure to secure your light to the Switch Lantern could result in damage to your equipment
- Failure to secure your speedlite could result in damage to your light

*The Switch Lantern modifier is heat-rated for up to a maximum of 300-Watts (COB) and 1200Ws (strobe).*

## Care Instructions

Gently spot clean the diffusion panel by hand with a damp cloth.

Do not apply cleaner to the diffusion or reflective surface, as this may damage the product.

# Accessories



## Switch Light Mount Inserts

Use these durable aluminium light mount inserts to attach any Rapid Box Switch or Beauty Dish Switch light modifier to a light source.



**FJ80, Profoto  
A1, A1X, A10,  
Godox V1**

#2544



**Speedlite**

#2541



**FJ400,  
Bowens,  
Godox**

#2530



**Balcar  
Alien Bees**

#2531



**Broncolor  
Impact**

#2535



**Broncolor  
Pulso/Siros**

#2536



**Dynalite**

#2542



**Elinchrom  
EL**

#2533



**Elinchrom  
Quadra/Q**

#2537



**Hensel  
Expert**

#2534



**Norman**

#2538



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#2532



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Standard**

#2539

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