

Proper usage dos and donts

The basics

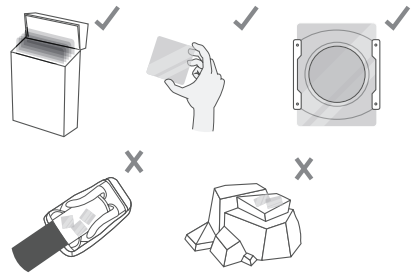
Before you run down to the beach, make sure you've practiced setting up and taking components apart in the comfort of your home.

Never set your filters up in a rush or a panic, because the light is amazing and you got there too late - this is the number one cause of broken filters.

We offer a **20% discount** on replacement filters, but need proof of breakage. Simply take a cellphone pic that clearly shows a) that it's broken and b) the label on the filter identifying what filter it is.

Six rules

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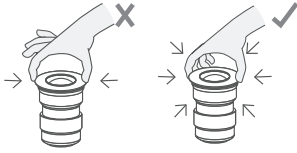
Never ever put your filters down just anywhere. There are only three places where they belong - in the case, in your hands and in the holder. Contact with other surfaces will cause tiny scratches which are barely visible to the eye, but will cause flare when shooting into bright light.

two



When attaching step-rings to the 82mm adapter ring or either of the two to the lens, do not over-tighten it. **Make sure it sits firmly, but don't force it.** If you do, it will inevitably get jammed and removing it can be difficult or costly.

three



The secret to unscrewing circular filters/adaptor rings is applying pressure universally - if you grip it on opposite sides with two fingers, the ring warps to an oval and jams in the thread. Always try to place all five fingers distributed as evenly as possible around the filter/ring you're trying to unscrew.

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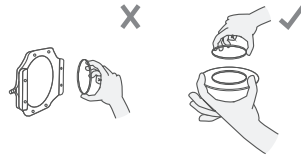


To remove a step-ring from the 82mm ring, put your fingers through the adapter ring (polariser obviously removed) and apply pressure outwards as universally as possible and then unscrew the ring. **If you struggle, put something like a cloth over your hand - it will distribute the pressure more evenly.** Never attempt to unscrew a step-ring by gripping its outer thread - it is very fine and can lead to injury.

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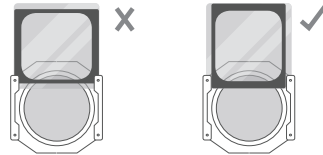
When attaching the polariser, **make sure you grip the polariser's rotating gears**, otherwise it's casing will just rotate when you try to screw it in.

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When attaching the polariser, make sure that you're not holding your adapter (whether mounted on the camera or not) in a vertical orientation. If the two threads don't connect successfully, it will drop on the ground and might break, scratch or get sand in the thread.

seven



When sliding a filter with foam gasket into a holder, the edges which are flush with the gasket should be top and bottom.