F R E E M A N AUDIO VISUAL OPERATIONS STANDARD

CONVENTIONAL LIGHTING INSTRUMENTS



<u>Safety</u>

- Every flown instrument must be secured to pipe or truss with a safety cable/chain in addition to 'C'-clamp – NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Flown instruments must hang either directly below or above pipe/truss as weight will be unsafely imbalanced on tree/truss (i.e. yoke must be vertical).
- AC cables must never be allowed to rest on the body/shell of a lighting instrument to prevent melting or fire.
- AC cables with broken ground pins must never be used NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Physical inspection of all lighting instruments, AC cables, and support structures must be conducted prior to system power up. A lighting instrument with obvious physical or optics damage must never be used.
- Lamps must never be touched with bare hands to prevent premature lamp burnout from skin moisture/oils. Always use a cloth, gloves, foam, or tissue when handling or replacing lamps.
 - EXCEPTION: standard PAR lamps are safe to touch with bare hands.
- "Hot-hands" or leather gloves should always be worn when working with hot instruments to prevent burns.
- Extreme care must be exercised when working with or near hot instruments, as even slight impacts or jars to instruments may result in premature filament failure and lamp burnout.

General Principles

- Technicians must be aware of instrument and circuit total wattage as to prevent circuit overload.
- Emphasis must always be given to lighting subjects well first, then adding lighting décor.
- 3-point (or more) lighting is always preferred, including 2-point front lighting and a back light at each subject location. 3-point (or more) lighting must be implemented when using cameras.
- Front lighting should be setup as close to optimal angles as possible:
 - Horizontal: 45° to the left and right of subject
 - Vertical: 35-40° above subject
- Unless specified, hard lighting should be softened, defocused, or defused so as to not create a hard edge of light on the stage, especially if lighting will spill onto the backdrop.
- Unless specified, colored gels should not be used in front lighting instruments focused on human subjects, especially when using cameras.

Source Four Ellipsoidals (spots/lekos)

- Shutters should be fully opened prior to initial focusing. Never turn on a leko with shutters closed as heat may cause warping.
 - **NOTE:** Shutters must be fully closed prior to packing and transport.
- By adjusting the focus barrel, the following scenarios should be followed:
 - Use soft focus for subjects who will move from light source to light source. Softening may also be aided by use of a diffusion gel.
 - Use hard or sharp focus when using a gobo (in combination with a donut), lighting specific areas of scenery, or lighting near screens.
- If hotspots are noticeable or lamp is not centered in reflector, bench focusing the lamp may be required by manipulating rear knobs as shown the diagram →

Conventional PARs

- PARs should not be used to light areas near screens or in areas which require a controlled focus. Barn doors may be used to give limited control of spillage.
- Medium-flood and wide-flood lamps create an oblong-shaped hotspot in the middle of the wash. The hotspot must be positioned optimally according to subject or area being lit by rotating the ceramic lamp plug inside the can.

Source Four PARs

- The same principles apply to Source Four PARs as conventional PAR cans.
- Caution must be exercised when installing and removing interchangeable lenses. Lenses must always be installed in a concave orientation.
 - MFL and WFL lenses may be rotated using the rotation ring as noted.





- Step 2: Onlock and locken the outer knob by fuming it counterclockwise. Step 3: Gently move the outer knob from side to side and up and down until the lamp within the enflactor.
- Within the resector. Step 4: Once the lamp is centered, turn the outer knob clockwise to lock it in place.
- Step 5. Finally, turn the inner knob either clockwise or counterclockwise to achieve an optimu flat field. See Figure 5.





Fresnels

• Fresnels should not be used to light areas near screens or in areas which require a controlled focus, or be used if a long throw distance is required. Barn doors may be used to give limited control of spillage. Use of the Spot/Flood lever gives additional control of width of beam.

