Para Focus on 3D





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The Para system

A light sets the tone

A Para never ceases to impress! There is no other light that gives bodies, faces and products so much volume and plasticity. No other light is so soft and yet allows skin to glow so wonderfully naturally. The broncolor Paras are the most flexible lighting system ever! Whether as a powerful spot, a soft cloud of light, fitted with diffusers or honeycomb grids or used with flash or continuous light - you get exactly the light that you want. Always. Everywhere.

The most important parameter in the light design with the Para is the option of focussing or positioning of the lamp head within the reflector. In the focused position, the light source is located just at the apex of the parabola. In this state, the light is highly directional and has a spot-like character with high contrast, as only little bounced light from within the studio lightens the shadows.

Thanks to the large diameter of the Paras, the light never seems too harsh.

If you defocus a Para, you move the light towards the reflector opening: With this setting, you not only get a great spot, but rather 24 small and hard lights, softly arranged, which result in a fabulously beautiful light cloud that envelopes everything; softly lit, yet still emphasising the structure of the object (e.g. skin). As the light radiates forward from the optical axis, the representation of each object is extremely plastic and three-dimensional. It is particularly this quality of the Paras, with their structured reflector material, which distinguishes them from other giant light shapers that make the light seem much more uniform and flat.





The type of construction

Set up in no time!

Regardless of the diameter, all Paras have 24 reflector segments that help to provide the near perfect parabolic shape which is needed for optimum and variable light design.

All the sizes have a long focus length in common which allows the light to be varied between almost parallel (focussed) to extremely scattered (defocused).

The Paras 177, 222 and 330FB can be easily, and without great effort, set up by means of a crank handle mechanism. The rods are

also provided with joints that allow the Paras to collapse and shorten to half the usual length for transporting.

For Paras 88 and 133 – the mobile, small Paras – broncolor has developed a special, patented opening mechanism. Just two quick hand movements on the four clamping brackets allow the Paras to be set up in seconds. As a further highlight, they can also be mounted directly without the focusing device as reflectors for other broncolor lamp heads.

As well as their opening mechanism, the two smaller Paras also differ from their big brothers in the reflector material. Due to their smaller size, broncolor deliberately uses a slightly textured reflector material so as to ensure that the light is not too aggressive.

All the models have very light, yet sturdy materials in common.

Whilst the main structure is made primarily of aluminium, the rods are made of fibre glass or carbon fibre – titanium alloy for the small Paras. Technology normally reserved for motorsport!







The five big ones

The application determines the size

When selecting the size of the Para to be used, the application should first be considered: Whilst a Para 330 FB is usually placed in a large studio, the smaller ones are designed to be used on location due to their quick set-up mechanisms.

If the distance to the object or the model remains in a constant ratio to the diameter, then the various Paras will also achieve very similar light characteristics.

The large reflectors have a definite advantage when the uniqueness of the Para light-quality is also desired at a greater distance away from the model.



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The light sources

Open à la carte system

Thanks to the different adapters, broncolor Paras can be used by both photographers and video film makers from all areas.

The Paras are easy to operate with flash and continuous light from a variety of manufacturers.

Thus, for example, adapters are not only available for broncolor flash lights and the HMI, but the continuous light sources of K5600 and Profoto can also be installed. Finally, there is also a universal adapter with a standard tripod bolt which allows the

majority of commercially available lights to be used.

The enormously high light yield of a Para can be the deciding factor, particularly in the use of continuous light!

Variable accessories

Diffusers and honeycomb grids

When you wish or like to work with a softer light, broncolor offers three diffusers for all Para diameters:

Diffuser 1 is an almost completely transparent fabric. Only a small portion of the light is scattered, the dominance of reflections is reduced and the light is thus somewhat finer but still "typical Para". Diffuser 3 is made of an opaque fabric. The light of the Para is then similar to that of a large, round softbox, but largely at the sacrifice of the Para's properties described in the section focus/light. The optical density of diffuser 2 lies between that of numbers 1 and 3. Due to

the almost perfect parabolic form, the light leaves the Para almost parallel, i.e. the centre of the lighting is not much larger than the diameter of the respective Para when the lamp head is located at the apex (focused). If this spot effect needs to be intensified, textile honeycomb grids can be mounted on all the Paras.



Damien Krisl - Beauty shoot in Paris:

"Everything from one source – photograph series and video"

For beauty and fashion photography, the first question is always whether to light the model hard or soft. Hard light gives the model a higher contrast and more beautiful shining spots. Soft light is finer and has superior, softer gradients and shadows that are a crucial requirement for close-ups of female models.

Since I have started working with the Para, this is a decision I no longer have to make. The "oversize screen" has a lot more blades than a standard screen, which solves the moving around of light from the bright to dark places much more elegantly and precisely. We see no ugly shadows on the nose or by the eye sockets and yet the result still has a high contrast. Each time after the prelight, I am amazed at how beautifully the Para has three-dimensionally modelled the face or body!

The areas of film and photography are increasingly flowing together. The EOS digital cameras with photo and video modes have made a great step in this direction. The market and indeed the budgets need creative producers who can supply a video to the images, or who can shoot stills with the spot/commercial which has just been filmed, and this often within the shortest possible time! Indeed, it is often required

that the photos and the clip have the same look.

To order and assemble a separate

film light set in addition to the flash set-up is very expensive and time-consuming. Furthermore, the film lights often do not have the precise light shapers. broncolor offers not only the right light shaper, but also a system specifically adapted to our requirements, in which the flash heads can be quickly exchanged into the same size, silent and powerful HMIs. With the broncolor 800W HMI, almost every lighting situation for film shoots can be lit by one person in the studio.







Tim Lüdin and the Piano:

"The Para 222 is a giant among lights"

I was asked to shoot a cover for the new album entitled "The Art is Piano" by the artist, Seven. In the new album, Seven sings unplugged as it were, accompanied only by the piano. The cover therefore definitely had to feature a piano, coupled with an unusual location. We decided on what was for us an extreme location on a glacier: The Grimsel Pass, at an altitude of over 2100 metres in the Swiss Alps, seemed to us to be an ideal location for this project.

In such unusual locations, I must be able to rely 100% on my equipment and I was therefore even

more curious to see whether the broncolor products would be able to deliver what they promised! I was delighted, straight away!

The new Para 222 convinces, above all, with its fast assembly time. Despite its size, it is very compact and can be built-up quickly.

The weather changed constantly during the shoot - sun, clouds and mist gave their all to make the shoot a real challenge! The wind worried us a little, too. However, despite the large surface area of the Para 222, it remained in its place without any problems,

weighed down only by a few sandbags.

With the Para, I can change the contrast on the focusing rod within seconds. Just the thing in these chaotically-changing weather conditions! From super soft to crispy hard - everything is possible with only one movement of the hand! I don't know of any other light shaper which can do that!

This special Para light is unique. Particularly on location, it gives you so many options to stand up to the elements - a giant among lights in the most positive sense!







Fabio Gloor - Fashion and glamour:

"Three-dimensionality with the shine effect"

The job was entitled "Glamour", a studio picture on a black background. For me, the question arose: What makes an image glamorous?

Glamour refers to the overall charisma of a person and cannot be determined by individual elements. The hair has beautiful volume, the make-up is perfect and the styling has to be right, too. Finally everything has to be moved into the perfect light.

A star steps onto the stage. The wind blows through his/her hair. A shimmer of light gives the skin and hair a wonderful shine. This was the mood I wanted to create for the image and it was the broncolor Para system that came to mind. With a Para, I have the ability to be very flexible with the light. I can defocus it, focus, work with diffusers and direct the light with a honeycomb grid. There is hardly a light situation I cannot do well with a Para - and all in no time!

The shape and texture of the Paras allows me to conjure up three-dimensionality to the image as no other light shaper can. It is precisely this that I need for my

glamorous image. The person is perfectly modelled and the skin gets the desired glow. However, the Para is not only suited to being the main light, it also provides numerous opportunities as an effect light and gives the hair a wonderful shine, without the structure getting lost.

The light quality has again improved with the new Para system. The material has been completely revised and the light source is now perfectly in the focal point. I would not want to be without the Para on my shootings now!







POWER PACKS



Senso 1200 Senso 2400 31.051.XX



Scoro S 3200 RFS

Scoro S 3200 RFS 2 31.045.XX

Scoro S 1600 RFS Scoro S 1600 RFS 2 31.044.XX



Scoro E 1600 RFS Scoro E 1600 RFS 2



Scoro E 3200 RFS Scoro E 3200 RFS 2

MONOLIGHTS



Move 1200 L 31.016.XX

LAMPS



Pulso G 32.115.XX 1600 J Pulso G 32.116.XX 3200 J



Unilite 32.114.XX 3200 J



Picolite small lamp 32.021.XX Litos 32.030.XX



MobiLED 32.013.00



Minicom 160 / RFS



Minicom 40 / RFS 31.405.XX / 31.406.XX



Minicom 80 / RFS 31.415.XX / 31.416.XX

Standard reflector P65 Standard reflector P70



Narrow angle reflector P45 Narrow angle reflector P50



P-Travel reflector



Softlight reflector P 33.110.00



PAR reflector



Beauty Dish with textile diffuser 33.111.00



UV attachment





Wide angle reflector P120 Background reflector 33.114.00



Power reflector for Ringflash C 33.125.00



Beauty reflector for Ringflash C 33,124.00



Soft reflector for Ringflash C 33.123.00



Spot attachment 33.640.00



Conical snoot 33.120.00

SPECIAL REFLECTORS



Mini-Satellite Satellite Staro 33.151.00





Para 133 reflector Para 133 P kit 33.550.01



Para 177 P kit 33.551.00



Para 222 P kit



Para 330 FB 33.486.00







Transmitter RFS RFS 2.1 Transmitter kit





Transceiver RFS RFS 2.1 Receiver kit 36.131.00 33.134.00



transmitter IRX 2



Receiver kit 36.135.00

Hot Shoe

Adapter 2 in 1 36.137.00





HMI 200 HMI 400.575.800 41.102.XX





F200 lamp 42.105.00

F400 lamp 42.106.00

F575.800 lamp 42.104.00

HMI REFLECTORS



Open Face reflector for HMI F200



Open Face reflector for HMI F400 43.105.00



PAR reflector for HMI F575.800 43.103.55 (5500 K) 43.103.59 (5900 K)



Litepipe for HMI F400 43.118.00





Ringflash C Ringflash P



Hazylight-Soft



Picobox Boxlite 40 32.341.XX



Lightbar 120 Evolution Lightbar 60 Evolution



Striplite 120 Evolution Striplite 60 Evolution



Litestick



Pulso-Spot 4 broncolor Flooter 32.431.00



Optical snoot 150 mm for Pulso-Spot 4 5500K: 33.620.55 5900K: 33.620.59



Pulso adapter for Picolite 33.501.00



Balloon

Projection attachment for Picolite



Barn door with 4 wings 33.246.00 for P65, P45 and PAR 33.247.00 for P70



Barn door with 4 wings for Picolite



Honeycomb grids, set of 3 pcs. 33.219.00 for Ringflash C 33.189.00 for Power reflector





Attachment with 3 honeycomb grids and 2 aperture masks for Picolite



Fresnel spot attachment for Picolite 33.631.00



Barn door with 2 wings for P70 33.227.00

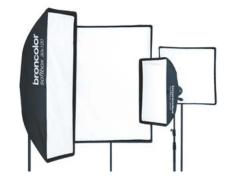


Sunlite-Set



Honeycomb grids, set of 3 pcs. 33.205.00 for P50 33.206.00 for P65, P45 and PAR 33.211.00 extra narrow for P65, P45 and PAR (1 pce) 33.207.00 for P70

AND OCTABOXES SOFTBOXES



Softbox

33.560.00 035 × 60 cm (1,1 × 2") 33.564.00 030 × 120 cm (1 × 3,9") 33.561.00 660 × 60 cm (2 × 2") 33.565.00 090 × 120 cm (3 × 3,9") 33.563.00 100 × 100 cm (2 × 3,3") 33.566.00 100 × 100 cm (3,3 × 3,3") 33.560.00 100 × 100 cm (3,3 × 3,3") 33.567.00 030 × 180 cm (1 × 5,9")

Octabox 33.600.00 Ø 75 cm (2,5") 33.601.00 Ø 150 cm (4,9")

UMBRELLAS

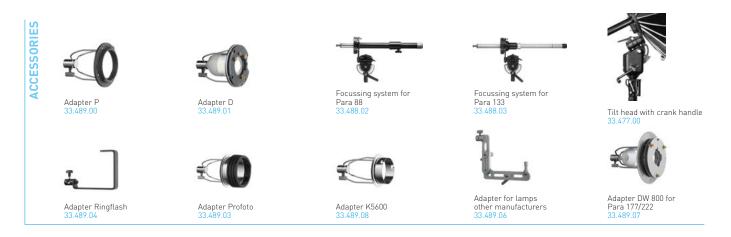
Adapter ring and stands are not included



33.496.00 Umbrella reflector 33.570.00 Silver Ø 105 cm (3,4") 33.571.00 White Ø 105 cm (3,4") 33.572.00 Transparent Ø 105 cm (3,4") 33.573.00 White Ø 85 cm (2,8") 33.574.00 Silver Ø 85 cm (2,8") 33.575.00 Transparent Ø 85 cm (2,8")

Technical Data	Para 88 reflector 33.482.00	Para 88 P* kit 33.483.00 Para 88 D* kit 33.483.01	Para 133 reflector 33.550.00	Para 133 P* kit 33.550.01 Para 133 D* kit 33.550.02	Para 177 P* kit 33.551.00 Para 177 D* kit 33.551.01 Para 177 without adapter 33.551.02	Para 222 P* kit 33.552.00 Para 222 D* kit 33.552.01 Para 222 without adapter 33.552.02	Para 330 FB 33.486.00
Allowed max. energy	3200 J	3200 J	3200 J	3200 J	3200 J	3200 J	3200 J
Allowed max. power continuous light	650 W	650 W	800 W	800 W	1600 W	1600 W	not allowed
F-stop at 2m/6 1/2 ft (10m/33 ft) distanced	64 9/10 (22 8/10)	90 (22)	64 9/10 (22 8/10)	90 4/10 (22 6/10)	128 3/10 (45 5/10)	128 3/10 (45 5/10)	90 8/10 (32 9/10)
Inside coating	silver	silver	silver	silver	silver	silver	silver
Dimensions/ diameter (without stand)	open Ø 85x64 cm (34x24") close Ø 20x83 cm (8x33")	(33x42")	open Ø 77x120 cm (30x47") close Ø 102x20 cm (40x8")	open Ø 88x120 cm (35x47") close Ø 112x32 cm (44x13")	open Ø 170x95 cm (77x37") close Ø 40x95 cm (16x37")	open Ø 220x115 cm (87x45") close Ø 40x115 cm (16x45")	(130x95")
Weight	2.5 kg (5.5 lbs) without case	5.2 kg (11.5 lbs) without case	2.6 kg (5.7 lbs)	6.5 kg (14.3 lbs)	9.5 kg (21 lbs)	11.5 kg (25 lbs)	12.1 kg (27 lbs)
Scope of delivery	case Big bag	focussing system, adapter, case	case Big bag	focussing system, adapter, case	adapter	adapter	suspension ropes (without bag)
Accessories							
Diffuser 1 (-1/2 f-stop)	33.472.00	33.472.00	33.293.00	33.293.00	33.287.00	33.290.00	33.469.00
Diffuser 2 (- 1 f-stop)	33.473.00	33.473.00	33.294.00	33.294.00	33.288.00	33.291.00	33.470.00
Diffuser 3 (- 1 1/2 f-stop)	33.474.00	33.474.00	33.295.00	33.295.00	33.289.00	33.292.00	33.471.00
Light grid	33.221.00	33.221.00	33.232.00	33.232.00	33.230.00	33.231.00	not available

^{*} P kit (for flashlight) including adapter P | D kit (for continuous light) including adapter D | neutral option without adapter



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