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## Elinchrom 20960.1

# Elinchrom Five Monolight Kit (EL20960.1) User Manual

Comprehensive instructions for setup, operation, and maintenance.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient use of your Elinchrom Five Monolight Kit (EL20960.1). Please read these instructions carefully before operating the device and retain them for future reference.



Figure 1: Elinchrom Five Monolight Kit components, including the monolight and its dedicated carry case.

## 2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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- Always ensure the device is powered off before making any adjustments or changing accessories.
- Do not expose the monolight to water or excessive humidity.
- Use only Elinchrom approved accessories and power sources.
- Avoid direct eye exposure to the flash.
- Keep out of reach of children.

## 3. PRODUCT FEATURES

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The Elinchrom Five Monolight (EL20960.1) is a versatile and powerful lighting solution designed for both studio and on-location photography. Key features include:

- **Active Charging:** Allows continuous shooting while the battery charges when connected to a power source.

- **Detachable High Capacity Li-Ion Battery:** Provides up to 450 full-power flashes on a single charge.
- **USB-C Charge Port:** Enables charging from any standard USB-C source, eliminating the need for proprietary chargers.
- **Tough and Reliable Design:** Optimized cooling and electronics for rapid shooting at full power (1.6 seconds recycle time).
- **Smart Pro-Active Cooling:** Adapts cooling cycles based on shooting style.
- **Built-in Bluetooth:** Facilitates remote control and settings adjustment via the Elinchrom Studio App.
- **Bi-Color LED Modeling Lamp:** A 26W, 4000 Lumen, 95 CRI modeling lamp with presets for quick adjustments.
- **TTL and HSS with Manual Lock:** Quickly achieve correct exposure with TTL, then lock to manual for fine-tuning. High-Speed Sync (HSS) allows shooting at faster shutter speeds to overpower ambient light.
- **Elinchrom Mount Compatibility:** Designed to work seamlessly with the full range of Elinchrom light shapers and modifiers.
- **Unconcealed Flash Tube:** Provides optimal light spread for various lighting setups.
- **Ergonomic Design:** Features a top handle for ideal leverage and a robust lock for secure positioning.



Figure 2: The control panel of the Elinchrom Five Monolight, showing the display and adjustment buttons.

## 4. SETUP GUIDE

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## 4.1. Attaching the Battery

1. Align the battery pack with the battery slot on the underside of the monolight.
2. Slide the battery into place until it clicks securely.
3. To remove, press the release button and slide the battery out.



Figure 3: The detachable Li-Ion battery for the Elinchrom Five Monolight.

## 4.2. Mounting the Monolight

1. Attach the monolight to a compatible light stand using the integrated mounting bracket.
2. Secure the monolight by tightening the locking knob on the bracket.
3. Adjust the tilt angle using the top handle and secure it with the robust lock.



Figure 4: Side view of the Elinchrom Five Monolight, showing its mounting bracket and handle.

### 4.3. Attaching Light Shapers

1. Ensure the monolight is powered off.
2. Align the Elinchrom mount of your chosen light shaper (e.g., reflector, softbox) with the front of the monolight.
3. Twist the light shaper clockwise until it locks into place.
4. To remove, twist counter-clockwise and pull gently.



Figure 5: The Elinchrom Five Monolight with a standard reflector attached to its Elinchrom mount.

## 5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 5.1. Powering On/Off

Press and hold the power button ( ) on the control panel to turn the monolight on or off.

### 5.2. Adjusting Flash Power

Use the main dial on the control panel to increase or decrease the flash power. The current power level will be displayed on the screen.

### 5.3. Modeling Lamp Operation

Press the modeling lamp button (\*) to cycle through modeling lamp modes (e.g., proportional, free, off). Adjust brightness and color temperature (CCT) via the menu options.

### 5.4. TTL and HSS Modes

When using a compatible Elinchrom Skyport transmitter, the monolight supports TTL (Through-The-Lens) for automatic exposure and HSS (High-Speed Sync) for shooting at fast shutter speeds. Use the transmitter to switch between modes and lock exposure to manual for fine adjustments.

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Video 1: Demonstrating the Elinchrom Five Monolight's features, including battery attachment, power adjustments, active charging, modeling lamp operation, TTL, HSS, and compatibility with various light shapers.

### 5.5. Elinchrom Studio App Connectivity

Download the Elinchrom Studio App on your smartphone or tablet. Enable Bluetooth on your device and the monolight. Use the app to remotely control power settings, modeling lamp modes, and other functions.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

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## 6.1. Cleaning

Wipe the exterior of the monolight with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents. Ensure the flash tube and modeling lamp are free of dust and fingerprints for optimal performance.

## 6.2. Battery Care

- Store the battery in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- Avoid fully discharging the battery for extended periods.
- Charge the battery regularly, even if not in frequent use, to maintain its lifespan.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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### 7.1. Monolight Not Firing

- Check if the battery is properly inserted and charged.
- Ensure the monolight is powered on.
- Verify that the Skyport transmitter is correctly set to the same group and channel as the monolight.
- Check the camera's flash settings and ensure the transmitter is securely mounted on the hot shoe.

### 7.2. Inconsistent Exposure

- Confirm that the monolight is not in TTL mode if manual control is desired.
- Check for obstructions between the transmitter and the monolight.
- Ensure the flash tube is clean and undamaged.
- If using HSS, verify that your camera and transmitter support it correctly.

## 8. SPECIFICATIONS

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Feature	Specification
Model Number	EL20960.1
Flash Power	522 Ws
Recycle Time	1.6 seconds (to full power)
Flashes per Charge	Up to 450 (full power)
Modeling Lamp	26W Bi-Color LED, 4000 Lumen, 95 CRI
Connectivity	Bluetooth, Skyport (TTL, HSS)
Charging Port	USB-C
Dimensions	7.08 x 15.35 x 12.59 inches
Item Weight	11 pounds
Battery Type	1 Lithium Ion (included)
Compatible Mountings	Standard Elinchrom mount

## 9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Elinchrom website or contact your authorized dealer. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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