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Godox S85T 85cm (33.5") Quick Release Bowens Mount Softbox Instruction Manual

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the assembly, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Godox S85T 85cm (33.5") Quick Release Bowens Mount Softbox. Designed for professional and enthusiast photographers, this softbox offers versatile light shaping capabilities for various studio and on-location setups. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product to ensure proper function and longevity.

Setup

The Godox S85T softbox features a quick-release umbrella-style mechanism for rapid deployment and collapse. Follow these steps for initial setup:

1. **Unfold the Softbox:** Gently pull the softbox open from its collapsed state. It will expand like an umbrella.
2. **Secure the Mount:** Align the Bowens mount on the softbox with your compatible studio light. Push and twist until it locks securely into place.
3. **Attach Inner Diffuser:** Secure the inner diffuser to the internal tabs of the softbox. This helps to create a more even light spread.
4. **Attach Front Diffuser:** Attach the front diffuser to the outer edge of the softbox using the hook-and-loop fasteners. This provides the primary softening of the light.



Image showing the Godox S85T softbox attached to a Bowens mount light, demonstrating the quick release mechanism in open and collapsed states.

The quick-release mechanism allows for easy attachment and detachment from your light source. To collapse the softbox, locate the release button near the Bowens mount (accessible via a zipper on the softbox) and press it while gently folding the softbox inward.

Official video demonstrating the quick setup and breakdown of the Godox S85T umbrella softbox.

The interior of the softbox features a high-reflective silver layer material, ensuring efficient light reflection and an even light-emitting effect.



Image displaying three sizes of Godox softboxes, highlighting the reflective silver interior for even light distribution.

Operation

The Godox S85T softbox offers flexibility in light modification:

- **Using Diffusers:** The softbox comes with both an inner and a front diffuser. You can use them together for maximum light softening, or remove the inner diffuser for slightly more contrast and light output.
- **Optional Grid:** For more precise control over light spill and direction, a fabric grid (sold separately) can be attached to the front of the softbox. This helps to narrow the beam of light and prevent it from spreading to unwanted areas.

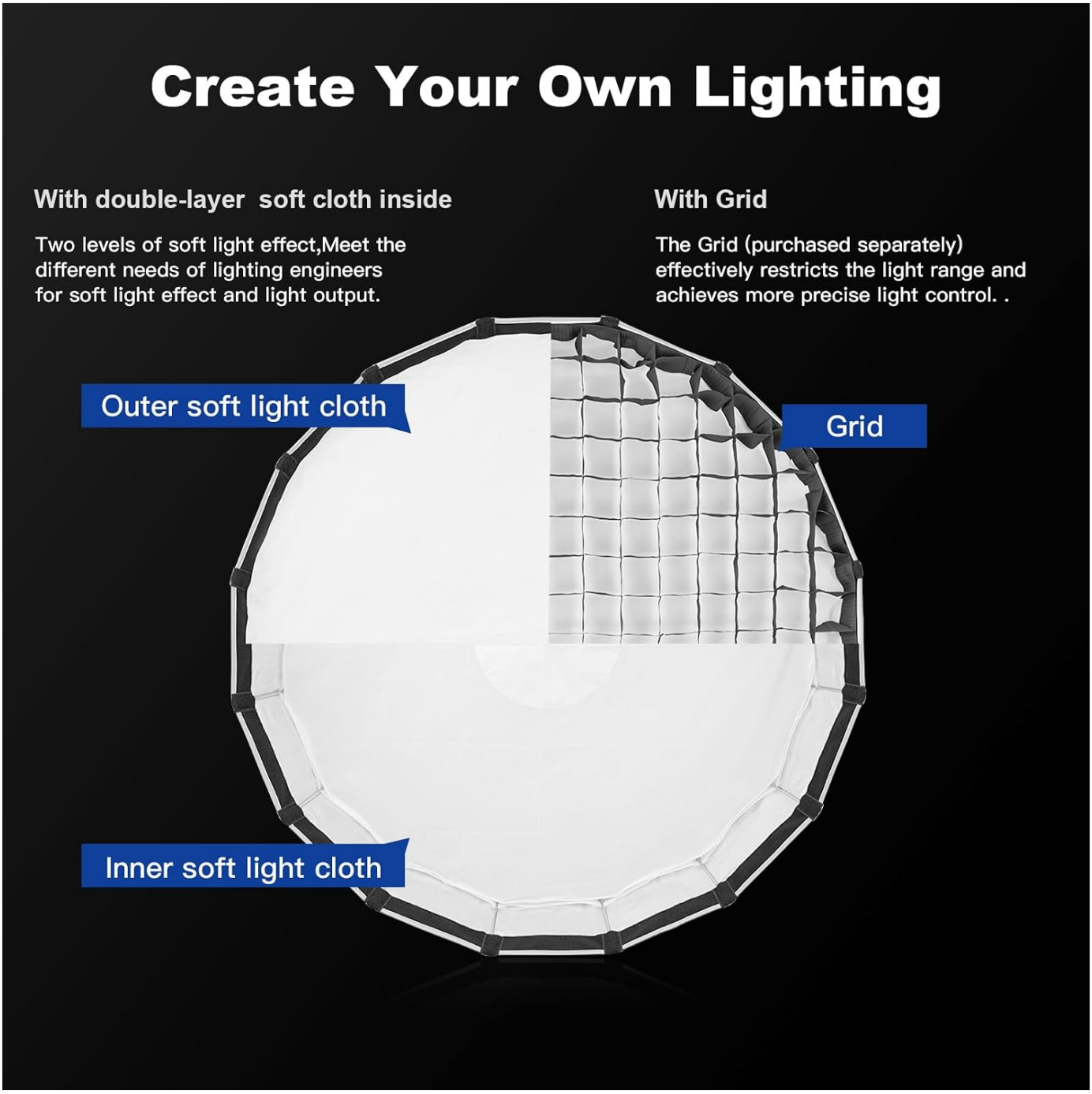

Diagram illustrating the use of outer soft light cloth, inner soft light cloth, and an optional grid for varied lighting effects.

Experiment with different diffuser configurations and the optional grid to achieve the desired lighting effect for your photography.



Comparison image showing the effect of silver inner, soft cloth, and optional grid on light quality for portrait photography.

Maintenance

Proper care will extend the life of your softbox:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the exterior of the softbox. For the reflective interior and diffusers, use a slightly damp cloth with mild soap if necessary, then air dry completely. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.
- **Storage:** Always collapse the softbox and store it in its provided carrying case when not in use. This protects it from dust, dirt, and physical damage. Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight.
- **Handling:** Avoid applying excessive force when opening or closing the softbox. Ensure all components are properly aligned to prevent bending or breaking.

Troubleshooting

Here are solutions to common issues you might encounter:

- **Softbox difficult to open/close:** Ensure no fabric is caught in the mechanism. Apply gentle, even pressure. If the issue persists, check for any bent rods or obstructions.
- **Uneven light output:** Verify that both the inner and front diffusers are correctly installed and stretched smoothly. Check the light source itself for proper functioning.
- **Softbox not securely attaching to light:** Ensure the Bowens mount is fully engaged and twisted into place. Check for any debris in the mount.
- **Zipper near Bowens mount is stuck:** Do not force the zipper. Gently try to move it back and forth. Ensure no fabric is caught.

If you experience issues not covered here, please refer to the customer support section.

Specifications

Model Number	GDSB-ST
Brand	GODOX
Color	Silver-inner Softbox
Style	Umbrella
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	11.8"D x 33.5"W x 33.5"H
Material	Aluminum
Light Source Compatibility	Bowens Mount Studio Lights (Godox brand)
Water Resistance Level	Not Water Resistant
Maximum Height	33.5 Inches
Included Components	Quick Release Umbrella Softbox, inner diffuser, front diffuser, carrying bag

Note: Fabric grid is sold separately.

Warranty Information

The Godox S85T Quick Release Bowens Mount Softbox comes with a**1-year limited warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage caused by misuse, accidents, unauthorized modifications, or normal wear and tear. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, warranty claims, or further inquiries regarding your Godox S85T softbox, please contact Godox customer support through their official website or the retailer from whom you purchased the product. Have your model number (GDSB-ST) and proof of purchase ready when contacting support.

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