

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

STL, STLHD, STL-COB, HTL, HTLHD, HTL-COB, SPTLECO, SPTL, SPTL-SCOB, SPTLX, and VTL Series



⚠ WARNING

These products may represent a possible shock or fire hazard if improperly installed or attached in any way. Products should be installed in accordance with these instructions, current electrical codes, and/or the current National Electric Code (NEC).

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Use only with 24V DC drivers with a wattage capacity that can handle the total load; see page 2 for more details. Factory warranty will be void if used with a non-recommended power supply, transformer or driver.

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To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or injury to persons, make sure that the electrical power to the system is disconnected at the source prior to installation or any servicing.

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Never fold Trulux® or bend past the minimum bending radius of 1" whether lighted or unlighted.

SAFETY INFORMATION

- Read all installation instructions before beginning; if not qualified, do not attempt installation. Contact a qualified electrician.
- To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, or injury to persons, pay close attention to this manual and stay within its guidelines when using this product. Save these instructions for future use.
- Do not cover this product with paper surface coverings, fabrics, streamers, or other similar combustible materials.
- Do not operate Trulux on the reel, nor while it is coiled.
- This IP54 rated tape light is suitable for indoor use in dry and damp locations, but not for direct contact with water or moisture. Do not submerge flexible light in liquids, or use the product in the vicinity of standing water or other liquids, or where water can accumulate.
- Do not route the cord or tape light through walls, ceilings, doors, windows, or any similar part of the building structure.
- Secure tape light using only the adhesive provided with the tape and/or factory recommended mounting clips, mounting track, and aluminum channel (sold separately).
- Do not secure this product or its cord with staples, nails, or like means that may damage the outer jacket or cord insulation.
- Do not use if there is any damage to the tape light, diodes or power cord insulation; inspect periodically.
- Do not install on gates or doors, or where subject to continuous flexing.
- Do not install in airtight tanks or enclosures of any kind.
- Size your 24V DC driver appropriately for your run distance. Be sure not to load a driver to 100% as this will reduce its efficiency; a 90% maximum load is recommended.

LAYOUT CONSIDERATIONS

Pay close attention to the following maximum run lengths:

| Series           | Wattage  | Cut Increments | Maximum run             | Reel Length                        |
|------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| STL Series       | 2.19W/ft | 6.56"          | 32.8 feet (71.8 watts)  | 16.4 feet or 32.8 feet or 100 feet |
| STLHD Series     | 2.19W/ft | 2.46"          | 32.8 feet (71.8 watts)  | 16.4 feet or 100 feet              |
| STL-COB Series   | 2.19W/ft | 1.97"          | 23 feet (50.37watts)    | 16.4 feet or 100 feet              |
| HTL Series       | 4.6W/ft  | 3.94"          | 22 feet (101.2 watts)   | 16.4 feet or 100 feet              |
| HTLHD Series     | 3.65W/ft | 1.51"          | 27 feet (98.5 watts)    | 16.4 feet or 100 feet              |
| HTL-COB Series   | 4.6W/ft  | 3.94"          | 16.4 feet (75.4 watts)  | 16.4 feet or 100 feet              |
| HTL-COBFC Series | 3W/ft    | Free Cut       | 16.4 feet (49.2 watts)  | 16.4 feet                          |
| SPTLECO Series   | 5.8W/ft  | 2.8"           | 16.4 feet (95.12 watts) | 16.4 feet                          |
| SPTL Series      | 7.8W/ft  | 1.97"          | 13.1 feet (102.1 watts) | 13.1 feet                          |
| SPTLX Series     | 7W/ft    | 0.33"          | 13.1 feet (91.7 watts)  | 13.1 feet                          |
| SPTL-SCOB Series | 5.85W/ft | 1.31"          | 16.4 feet (95.94watts)  | 16.4 feet                          |
| VTL Series       | 7W/ft    | 1.4"           | 13.1 feet (91.7 watts)  | 13.1 feet                          |

PRODUCT INFORMATION

IP54 reels include attached 6ft lead wires, attached 6ft tail wires, (2) TL-BLKS connectors, (1) TL-CONKIT 4-in-1 connector kit which have 18AWG lead wire attached, and (2) TL-2PWR-HD heavy duty snap connectors (all connectors are rated IP20). Mount tape light using the 3M® VHB adhesive on back of tape. Once the VHB protective backing is removed, the tape should be placed on the prepared mounting surface and not be repositioned, removed, or re-used. For best results, let adhesive cure 24 hours prior to first use.



Trulux® tape light utilizes a nano-coating for ingress protection. It is recommended to scrape off the coating from each conductor to ensure a proper connection.

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### CUTTING & LINKING TRULUX® TAPE LIGHT (See Figures 2-7):

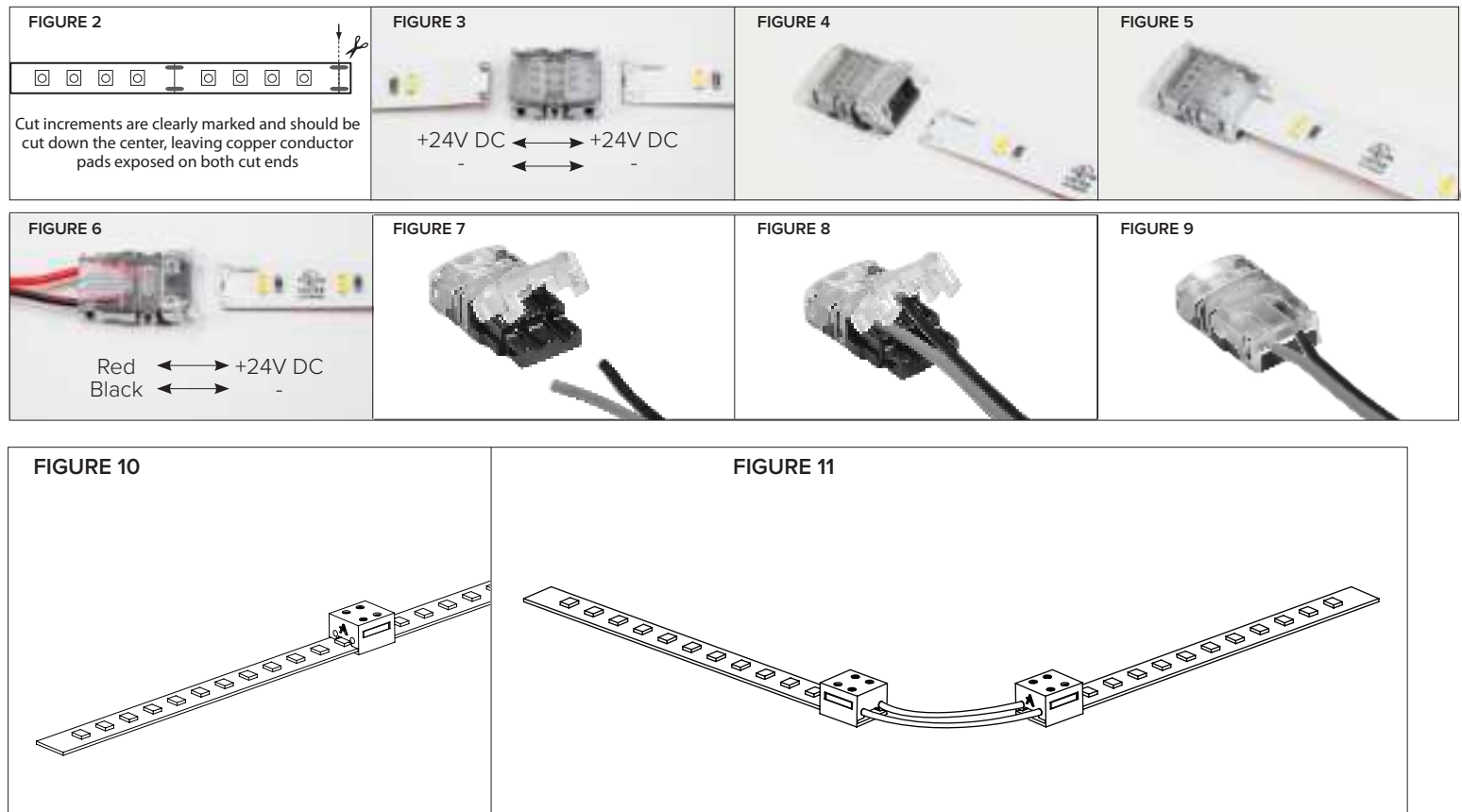
Do not exceed the maximum tape light run length in any single run. Cut increments are clearly marked on the tape light (see Layout Considerations on Page 1). Ensure an even cut along the center of the copper conductors to ensure enough surface area is exposed for snap connector pins to pierce through.

### MAKING A TAPE-TO-TAPE CONNECTION (See Figures 3-5):

1. Ensure the polarity of the conductors on the two pieces of tape light to be connected are aligned. See Figure 3.
2. Using a tape-to-tape snap connector, open both sides of the connector so the metal teeth inside are exposed. See Figure 4.
3. Peel a small portion of the protective backing from the tape light on the end to be connected, then insert cut tape light end so the copper pad conductors are aligned with the metal teeth inside.
4. Close snap connector and use pliers to ensure the connector “snaps” through the tape light. See Figure 5.

### TO MAKE A TAPE-TO-WIRE CONNECTION (See Figures 6-9):

1. Using a tape-to-wire snap connector, follow steps 1-4 from “Making a Tape-to-Tape Connection” above to connect tape light.
2. Ensure polarity of the conductors on the connected piece of tape light and the polarity of the wires align. See Figure 6.
3. Cut desired length of wire from the 15ft reel of wire included being sure to leave approximately 1/2’ on each end to be connected.
3. Separate wires slightly so they fit in the grooves of the snap connector. There is no need to strip the wire. See Figure 7.
4. Insert the cut wire into the slots of the snap connector so the wire is aligned with the metal teeth inside. See Figure 8.
5. Close snap connector and use pliers to ensure the connector “snaps” through the wire. See Figure 9.



### ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES

1. Route and secure cords so that they will not be pinched or damaged in any way.
2. LEDs are bright. Do not look directly at lighted tape light.

**Important Note:** The National Electrical Code (NEC) does not permit cords to be concealed where damage to insulation may go unnoticed. To prevent fire danger, do not run cord behind walls, ceilings, soffits, or cabinets where it may be inaccessible for examination. Cords should be visually examined periodically and immediately replaced when damage is noted.



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**5- YEAR LIMITED PRODUCT WARRANTY**

This product is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of five years from the date of purchase. Products that prove to be defective during this period will be either repaired (i.e. replacement of defective electronics, defective parts of the fixture housing, lens, wiring, switching or lamp sockets; excluding the lamp) or replaced, at the discretion of American Lighting, Inc. Claims for defective products must be submitted to the retail location from which the product was purchased within the warranty period. Upon submission of proper return claim documentation and product to American Lighting, Inc by the retailer, American Lighting, Inc reserves the right to inspect the product for misuse or abuse. Claims for indirect or consequential damages or for product that, in American Lighting Inc's opinion has been misused will be denied. This is a warranty of product reliability only and not a warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. American Lighting, Inc shall have no liability whatsoever in any event for payment of incidental or consequential damages, including, without limitations, installation costs and damages for personal injury and property. These products may represent a possible shock or fire hazard if improperly installed or altered in any way. This warranty applies only to product that has been properly installed in accordance with instruction sheet and current local codes and/or the National Electrical Code. Warranty does not apply to any product that has been improperly installed or in situations where components have been altered in any way.

For questions, comments, technical assistance and/or repair parts, please call toll free at:  
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