



## INSTALLATION GUIDE

### FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA LOWER HOOD LED LIGHT KIT

**IMPORTANT!** No two installation scenarios are the exact same. Accent lighting is highly subjective. Not everyone shares the same lighting or installation quality goals. Some folks are OK with twisting wires together, others want to solder and heat shrink them. Some folks are OK with running wires where they may be seen or unprotected to save money/time, others want a tidy, clean install so they wrap plastic split-loom around all exposed cables. Some folks are OK with mounting their LED strips to whatever surface they can find, others want to take the time necessary to build out appropriate mounting surfaces to provide the best lighting effect on their vehicle and maximize the longevity of their lighting system. The point is it's not possible to provide all the materials necessary for all installation scenarios on all types of vehicles to meet everyone's quality and lighting coverage goals. Our light kits provide the essential components needed for a high-quality, functioning LED light system. Installation of our light kit to your specific vehicle will however likely require additional items to make it look, fit and work the way you want. This is particularly the case with electrical wiring, switching functionality and mounting surfaces for the LED strips. We have created a list of additional items you may need. Here's the link: <https://www.boogeylights.com/other-items-you-might-need/>. While we offer them for sale you can also find these items locally – usually less expensive. We urge you to review this information before starting your install to make sure you have the proper materials available.

#### **BENCH TEST YOUR LIGHTING COMPONENTS FIRST!**

We know this takes a few extra minutes, but we **STRONGLY** suggest you bench test your lights AND your controller / switches on a table before doing anything further. Test all of them. While we test every light strip and controller before shipping, bench testing your lights will eliminate the possibility of any problems with the lights or controller before mounting. It also lets you know everything is working properly. Also, the process of bench testing gives you an opportunity to understand the wiring system without interference from other wires, connectors and cables. You can use any good 12vdc battery to do this (e.g. car battery, motorcycle battery, lawn tractor battery or 12vdc power supply capable of supporting a 5 amp load). If you're not sure how to do this, we have prepared a document explaining the process here: <https://docs.boogeylights.net/?wpdmdl=1305>. Bench testing takes an extra 10 or 15 minutes. It's simple to do and can potentially save you hours of time and frustration down the road.

**Did we mention the importance of bench testing every LED strip and controller before installing?**

## BEFORE YOU START

**THIS IS A GUIDE. NOT A HOW-TO.** It's simply not possible to provide detailed instructions for all installation scenarios. Far too many variables. The information in this manual is intended to be used as a guide. It is not a detailed step-by-step how-to installation manual. We do not spell out every single step along the way. We cover the essential steps related to installing this kit. Beyond that we assume the installer has the skills, knowledge and tools necessary to do the work using the information we provide as a guide. You may need to vary your installation and/or make adjustments based on your truck. This is particularly the case with electrical wire routing, electrical connections, electrical load sizing and switching. If you're unsure about how to do the installation – particularly the electrical components – we urge you to seek assistance from someone who has those skills.

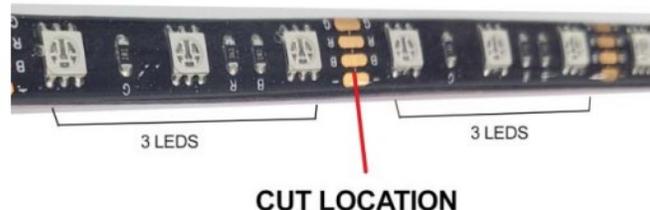
**YOU MUST HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF 12V POWER.** An essential skill with installation of any Boogey Lights LED products is knowing how to correctly wire the product to a 12vdc circuit. This includes understanding the importance of having a properly sized fuse at the power source, polarity, how to properly seal an electrical connection, using properly sized wire gauge for the load, measuring voltage and measuring the additional amperage draw you're adding. If you are uncertain or unfamiliar with any of these concepts, we urge you to ask someone who has the knowledge to assist you. Electricity is unforgiving.

**WORK AREA.** Make sure you have ample area in which to work and that the area is protected from rain or cold temperatures. The 3M adhesive tape and 3M adhesion promoter works best if applied when the air temperature is above 40 degrees (and of course is DRY).

**KNOW YOUR AMPERAGE DRAW.** Pay attention to the number of LEDs you are lighting and the total amps you will be drawing. We manufacture a number of LED Controllers of varying capacities. If you over-load the LED controller, it will either not work at all or the lights will dim in a short period of time. Amperage data for all our LED products are on each product page. You can also download it directly here: <https://docs.boogeylights.net/?wpdmdl=1137>

NOTE: If for whatever reason you need to cut the LED strip, you can (Low Profile LED strips). Details on how to cut our LOW PROFILE LED strips can be found on our INSTALLATION RESOURCES page or at this link: <https://docs.boogeylights.net/?wpdmdl=964>

### HI-INTENSITY SURFACE MOUNTED LED STRIPS

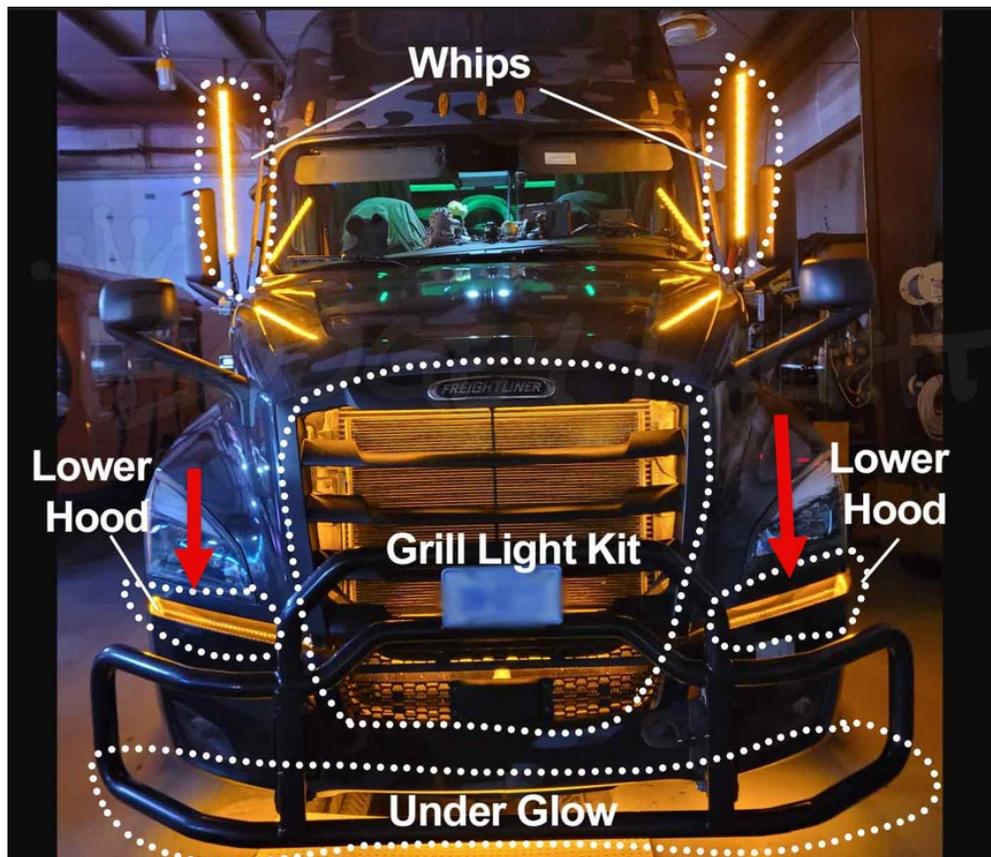


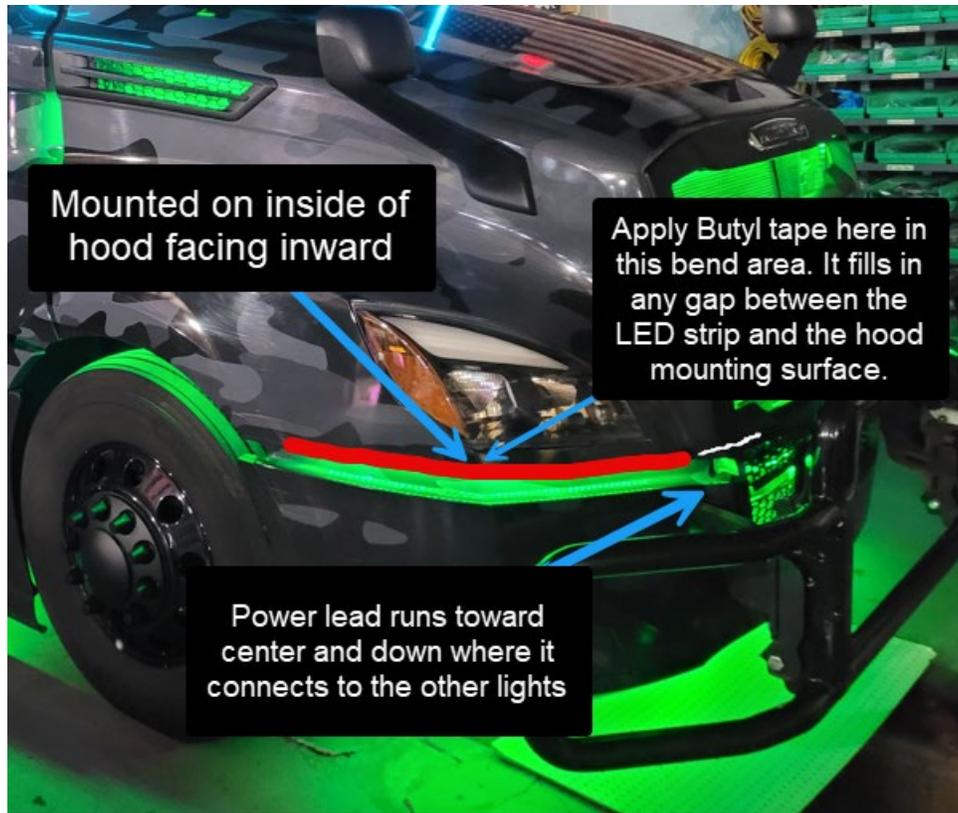
The LED strip can be cut one time on the copper solder pad where indicated; between the cluster of 3 LEDs. Important to cut in the center of the copper pads. Once cut, the end must be sealed using silicon, liquid electrical tape or even heat shrink to stop water intrusion from damaging the strip.

## LED PLACEMENT

The LOWER HOOD LED light kit consists of two Low Profile LED strips. Each LED strip is about 35" long with a 10' power lead. **The strips are mounted on the inside of the hood facing inward.** You'll need to open the hood to do this. See below diagram (red arrows pointing to the two LED strips included in this kit). The light you see is the glow coming from the two light strips; not the strips themselves. Because of the angle of the bend the LED strip has to make on the inside of the hood, we include some butyl tape to be used to fill in that corner. Important to clean the surface with 3M Adhesion Primer first (included) and then apply a 1" piece of butyl tape in the corner of that bend. That butyl fills in the gap between the hood bend and the LED strip. It's a slight bend so you don't need much butyl tape but it's important to make sure there is not a gap between the LED strip and the hood mounting surface. There is one power lead attached to each LED strip. We suggest mounting the strips such that the end with the power lead is facing towards the center (grill area) of the truck. That way they can be easily routed down and back towards the driver's side of the truck where they connect to the controller and/or power source.

If you're installing this kit along with another kit such as the grill or under-glow kit, we typically will wire them all together in the engine compartment. If this kit is standalone (or the only light kit in the front area), then the two power leads typically are connected near the front driver's side of the truck. Then, the feeder cable power lead supplied with the kit is used to connect the pair assembly to the truck's battery and/or controller/switching mechanism.





## LED STRIP MOUNTING

Follow these steps for mounting your LED strips:

- The area where you are mounting the LEDs has to be clean: free of all dirt, oil or anything that might affect the LED from sticking. You only get one opportunity to mount the LEDs so it's critical the area be prepared properly.
- Use the supplied alcohol pads to clean the area where you are going to mount the LED strip. Be sure to let the alcohol dry completely before proceeding to the next step. (Note: Do not use acetone or similar cleaner).
- Next, use the 3M Adhesion Promoter supplied with your kit to "paint" on the promoter where you are going to mount the LED strip. **This is an important step. Do not bypass.** Allow the promoter to dry for 60-90 seconds.
- Peel off the red backing tape that protects the 3M adhesive tape on your LED strip. Be careful not to let the tape touch anything. The 3M backing tape on these LED strips are one-use only. They cannot be reused.
- Carefully push the LED strip to the area you have prepared. You will want to apply only enough pressure to the strip to make sure it is firmly mounted. *You only get one opportunity to do this.* Once the LED strip touches a properly prepared surface that has been promoted, that LED strip will be very difficult to remove. Moreover, if you do remove the LED strip, the strip cannot be used again without adding another layer of 3M adhesive tape to the back. **DO NOT press too hard as too much pressure can damage the LEDs and connecting wires in the strip. Also, do not pull, stretch or twist the LED strip. Too much tension on the strip will also damage the LEDs such that some of the LEDs in the strip will not illuminate. The strip must be mounted flat against a single continuous mounting surface, in a straight line. Really important that the ENTIRE STRIP be stuck to the mounting surface and that you NOT attempt to span across multiple mounting surfaces.**

Do NOT bend the LED strip in a radius of less than 2 inches.



Do NOT bend the LED strip on a horizontal plane.



## Additional Resources

- Freightliner Cascadia Light Kit Page: <https://www.boogeylights.com/freightliner-cascadia-led-accent-light-kit/>
- Troubleshooting: <https://www.boogeylights.com/trouble-shooting-guide/>
- How to Videos: <https://www.boogeylights.com/how-to-videos/>
- Installation Resources: <https://www.boogeylights.com/installation-resources/>
- How to Bench Test: <https://docs.boogeylights.net/?wpdmdl=1305>
- GEN2 LED Controller Wiring Diagrams + Operating Info: <https://docs.boogeylights.net/?wpdmdl=1163>
- GEN2 RF Wireless Remote Operating Info: <https://docs.boogeylights.net/?wpdmdl=1164>
- GEN2 Bluetooth APP Operating Info: <https://docs.boogeylights.net/?wpdmdl=1169>
- GEN2 Bluetooth APP Quick-Start: <https://docs.boogeylights.net/?wpdmdl=1167>
- Amperage Data: <https://docs.boogeylights.net/?wpdmdl=1137>

## Support

- Phone: 800.847.1359 (M-F, 9-6 Eastern)
- Text: 859.955.8155
- Open a Support Ticket: <https://www.boogeylights.com/email-us/>
- Online: 24/7 resources at <https://www.boogeylights.com/installation-resources/>
- How to Make a Warranty Claim: <https://www.boogeylights.com/make-a-warranty-claim/>

## Warranty

The Boogey Lights® warranty requires an original sales receipt from Boogey Lights or an authorized dealer. It covers product replacement only, not labor or other costs. Register your purchase at: <https://www.boogeylights.com/warranty-registration/>. Full details: <https://www.boogeylights.com/warranty/>.