

Installation and Activation Note

NOTE: Earlier versions of Red Giant and Trapcode plug-ins have used different registration methods, either within the plug-in itself or within an older installer. The instructions below describe the new installer registration.

DEMO USERS: If you have previously used the plug-in in demo mode (did not enter a serial number), then you must reinstall the plug-in to activate the plug-in you purchased.

Steps

1) Make sure a compatible host application is already installed

You must have already installed the host application: Adobe After Effects version 6.5, 7.0, or CS3. Please check www.redgiantsoftware.com for the latest compatible host versions.

2) Run the plug-in installer

Your new plug-in comes packaged as a complete software installer, which will automatically place the required components on your hard drive and guide you through the process of installing the plug-in.

3) Activate

The final installation step is entering your serial number into the registration dialog, which will appear the first time you run the installer. YOU MUST ENTER A SERIAL NUMBER TO USE YOUR PLUG-IN IN AUTHORIZED MODE. You should have received a confirmation email after your purchase that contains your serial number.



The image shows a registration dialog box titled "Red Giant Software Registration". The top half has a dark red background with the Red Giant logo (a red sphere with concentric circles) and the text "RED GIANT SOFTWARE" in white, with the tagline "Accelerate Your Creativity" below it. The bottom half is white and contains the following text: "If you purchased a full version of this product, please enter the serial number in the boxes below. You can choose to run the product in demo mode, but the final output will include a watermark." Below this is a link: "To purchase a serial number online, please click the 'Purchase' button below." and another link: "If you do not have internet access, please click [here](#)." There are two radio buttons: "Install Demo Version" (unselected) and "Enter Serial Number" (selected). Below the "Enter Serial Number" option are five empty text boxes for entering the serial number. At the bottom are three buttons: "Purchase", "Back", and "Cancel".

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The serial number for your plug-in appears in the following format:

AAAA #####

The activation code is a series of 20 characters. You must enter all digits. You can also choose to run the software in demo mode simply by leaving the fields blank.

Demo Mode

If you choose Demo on installation, the plug-in will run in demo mode until you enter a serial number. Output will contain a red "X" across the image in both previews and final renders. If you should wish to register the plug-in after trying the demo, you do not need to uninstall the demo version: simply run the installer again and enter a valid serial number.