EDGE CONTROLLER

by Dragon LFX · Version 1.0 · After Effects Plug-in

Installation & Quick Start Guide

What is Edge Controller?

Edge Controller is a fast edge-processing effect for Adobe After Effects. In a single effect it softens a layer's silhouette edge, dilates or erodes the matte to build halos and outlines, and can fill the grown edge with a custom color. It is ideal for cleaning up Roto Brush mattes, creating glows and neon outlines, and softening cutout edges.

Requirements

- Adobe After Effects **2022 or later**
- Windows (64-bit) — *macOS version coming soon*

Installation

Option A — aescripts + aeplugins Manager (recommended)

The easiest way to install and license is by using the aescripts + aeplugins manager:
https://aescripts.com/learn/aescripts-aeplugins-manager-app/
To install a trial, select **Add Trial** from the **Account** menu.

Option B — Manual install

1. Quit After Effects.
2. Copy **EdgeController.aex** into the After Effects Plug-ins folder:

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C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe After Effects <version>\Support Files\Plug-ins
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3. Start After Effects.

The effect appears under **Effect > Dragon LFX > Edge Controller**.

Trial & Activation

Edge Controller runs as a **fully-functional 14-day trial**. After the trial period, activate it with your license code:

- Apply the effect to a layer.
- In the Effect Controls panel, click the effect's **Options…** button (top-right of the effect header).
- Enter your license code and click **Activate**.

The aescripts + aeplugins Manager can also add the trial and manage your license automatically.

Quick Start

Apply Edge Controller to a layer that has transparency (for example a rotoscoped or masked subject).

- **Edge Blur** — softens / feathers the silhouette edge.
- **Blur Direction** — Both, Horizontal, or Vertical.
- **Edge Dilate** — grows the matte outward (halo / glow).
- **Invert Dilate (Erode)** — shrinks the matte instead of growing it.

Custom Color group:

- **Custom Dilate Color** — fill the grown edge with a solid color instead of the spread footage color.
- **Dilate Color** — the color to use (supports the eyedropper).
- **Inner Feather** — softens the transition between the subject and the colored edge.

Tip: For a clean glow, raise **Edge Dilate** for the halo size, then add **Edge Blur** to soften it.

Support

Questions or issues? Reach Dragon LFX through the Edge Controller product page on aescripts.com.

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