RectControl

01 Installation Guide

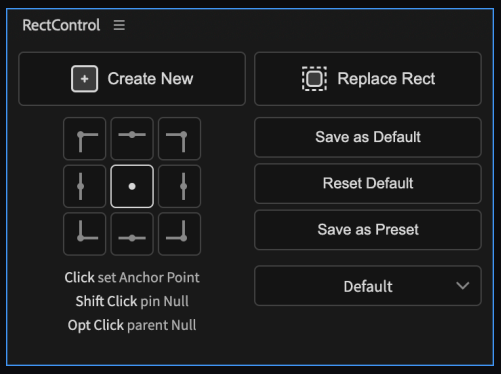
The easiest way to install and license is by using the aescripts + aeplugins manager, or you can install with the ZXP/UXP Installer.

To install a trial you can select 'Add Trial' from the 'Account' menu.

02 Opening RectControl

In After Effects, go to `Window › Extensions › RectControl`.

03 RectControl Extension Panel



`Create New`	Create a new RectControl layer.
`9 Point Grid`	Clicking on the grid can do three different actions. `Click` to change alignment of selected RectControl layers. `Shift Click` to create a null that is pinned to that region of the RectControl layer. Useful for pinning elements inside and outside the rectangle, or to link gradient stroke and fill start and end points. `Opt Click` to create a null that the RectControl layer gets parented to at that region of the RectControl layer. Useful for animation at specific points of the rectangle when your RectControl alignment is at a different point.

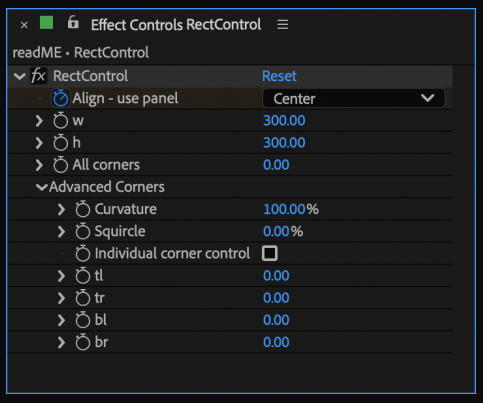
> NOTE
> The 9 Point Grid buttons work with RectControl layers as well as regular shape layers, solids, text layers, precomps, and images.

`Replace Rect`	Select a regular rectangle layer and click Replace Rect to create a RectControl version of the rectangle.

> NOTE
> Rectangles created in After Effects and rectangles created in Figma with linked corner rounding and brought in through Overlord will be replaced with correct corner roundness. Rectangles created in Illustrator and brought in through Overlord will not get replaced with correct corner roundness.

`Save Default`	Sets the selected RectControl layer as the default that is created when clicking Create New. Saving default also saves all animation on the RectControl layer and all pinned nulls.
`Reset Default`	Returns RectControl's default shape to a 300 × 300 grey square.
`Save as Preset`	Save the selected RectControl layer as a preset to be used later. The preset also saves all animation on the RectControl layer and all pinned nulls.
`Dropdown Menu`	Select between the Default shape and any saved presets. At the bottom, click **Manage Presets** to rename, reorder, or delete presets, and to export or import presets.

04 RectControl Effect Controls



`Align`	Changes RectControl alignment. Use the Extension Panel to change alignment and keep the shape layer in the same spot.

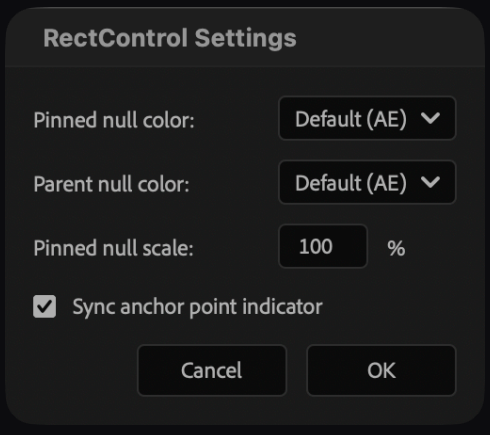
`w`	Set RectControl width.
`h`	Set RectControl height.
`All corners`	Set the roundness of all RectControl corners together.

Advanced Corners

`Curvature`	Set the curve of RectControl corners. **100%** is the standard fully convex curve, **0%** is a straight line, and **–100%** is an inverted curve.
`Squircle`	Turn corners into squircle-style rounding. Squircles are used in Apple UI.
`Individual corner control`	Enable to switch from linking all corner roundness together to controlling each corner individually. `tl` top-left corner roundness `tr` top-right corner roundness `bl` bottom-left corner roundness `br` bottom-right corner roundness

05 Settings

To get to Settings, on the RectControl Extension Panel click the hamburger menu and click **Settings**.



`Pinned null color`	Set the color for pinned nulls. It defaults to your default null color.
`Parent null color`	Set the color for parent nulls. It defaults to your default null color.

`Pinned null scale`	Change the default scale size for pinned nulls. This can be helpful when you don't want to be distracted by large pinned nulls.
`Sync anchor point indicator`	By default RectControl polls After Effects every second to show a live update of the anchor point setting for selected RectControl layers. It's a very small cost, but if you want to disable it, you can uncheck it here.

THANK YOU

Thanks for using RectControl. Find my other tools here.