

How to Use Saber Plug-in w/After Effects

To Make a Simple LightSaber

1. Navigate to the 3rd Party Plug-in - [Saber by CoPilot](#) and download
2. Double click on .exe file and install
3. Open After Effects
4. Import your image or image sequence or video file
5. Make a new composition with your footage
6. Add a solid layer on Top of your footage
7. From Effects and Presets search for Saber
8. Drag Saber effect on to your solid layer to add effect
9. You can choose to use the Saber, Apply Effect to a mask or to text
10. There are lots of settings to change the look of your effect - experiment
11. To show your effect on the layer below, choose Screen as your blending mode

To Apply to Text (most basic)

1. Create a new composition
2. Add a solid background layer, name it background
3. Add a text layer and type anything you want
4. Add a solid layer - black - name SaberEffectsLayer to stay organized
5. Apply the Saber effect to this layer
6. On your SaberEffectsLayer look for the Customize Core Option
7. Under Core Type, choose Text Layer and select that text
8. You can turn off the Text layer to just reveal the outlines of the text

To Create a Mask that glows

1. Create a new composition
2. Add a solid layer or add an image
3. If you add an image, duplicate it
4. Add Saber Effect to your solid layer or the duplicated image, blend mode Screen or go to Alpha Mode on the Effect and change to transparent
5. With that layer selected, draw a mask with pen tool or with a shape
6. Under Customize Core/Core Type choose Layer Mask

To Create a Mask that Tracks

1. Create a new composition
2. Add your Video Footage
3. Duplicate it
4. Draw out a mask
5. Right click on mask and choose track
6. Adjust track as necessary
7. Add Saber Effect to your duplicated layer, go to Alpha Mode on the Effect and change to transparent
8. Under Customize Core/Core Type choose Layer Mask