

INSTALLING YOUR FOCUS GEAR

To install the follow focus gear, simply slide the gear onto the lens and over the rubber focus ring. A small amount of pressure is okay, however don't give the gear "uncomfortable" amounts of force.

IMPORTANT: Set your focus to infinity on the lens. Failure to do so before installation can result in serious damage to your lens.

You may want to use a little bit of lubrication to assist sliding the gear on. Rubbing alcohol or other non-destructive liquids can be placed on the inner surface of the gear. Once lubricated, gently twist the gear to prevent "bunching up" the rubber padding underneath.

IF THE GEAR IS TOO TIGHT;

If the gear is too tight - lightly sand the inside surface. It may not feel like you're not taking off much material, but tiny adjustments are the key to perfection.

If sanding is not working, you can try heating the gear. The trick here is to heat the gear evenly. The best way to do this is to use a hair dryer (on low setting). Do not use hot water or ovens. Heat evenly around the gear until it becomes a tiny bit soft. Rotate the ring evenly, this can take 1-2 minutes. Be very careful not to melt the plastic as this will deform the shape and damage the teeth.

Once the plastic is very slightly soft, you can slide the gear on the lens before it cools. The gear will shrink as it cools, fitting the size of your focus ring perfectly.

IF THE GEAR IS TOO LOOSE;

If the gear is too loose and slipping, you can simply stick a piece of tape on the inside surface of the gear. We've found film tape or gaffer tape works great. Rubber bands can also be used to help fill in the space and tighten loose gears.

If you are okay with a permanently installed gear – Using a hot glue gun is also a possible solution. Obviously exercise your best judgement before applying any kind of adhesive or glue to a lens. A small dab of hot glue can be an effective solution. Don't use super glue or anything that might run into the lens itself, this would permanently damage the lens.

If you have used the techniques above and still cannot get a nice fit, we offer one free replacement. Replacements to damaged or broken gears; as a result of poor installation will not be covered.

Contact: Joel Loxton on 04373 600 096 with any questions or further advice on installation.