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# V- ray

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USING Import

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## USING Import

### Import

1. Click   Import  Import  Specify Files of type

AutoCAD Drawing ( DWG , DXF )  Select file .

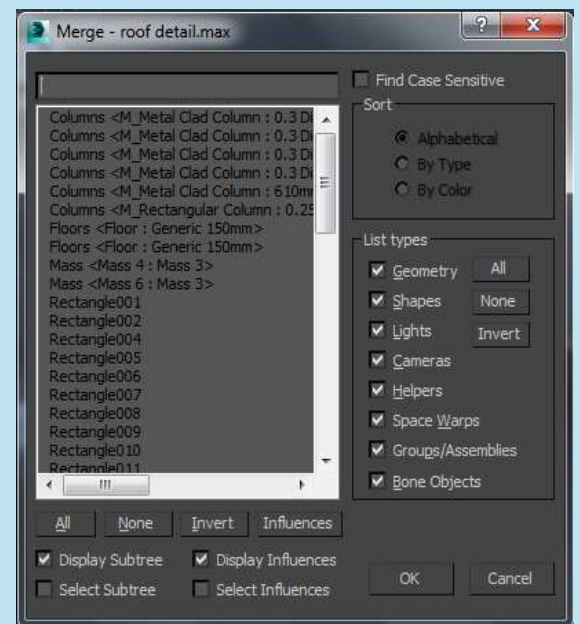
2. Specify parameters for Import Option dialog .
3. Click OK



## USING Merge

1. Click   Import  Merge  Select file .

2. Specify parameters for Merge dialog
3. Click OK



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## USING INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES2

Export Selected

1. Click  ➤  Export ➤  Export .
2. Specify File Name and Save as type .
3. Save .

## USING Export Selected

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mental ray rendering



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Lighting analysis overlay with  
mental ray

V-RayLightingAnalysis render  
element

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## RENDER SETUP

You can open the RENDER SETUP by clicking the icons in the main toolbar

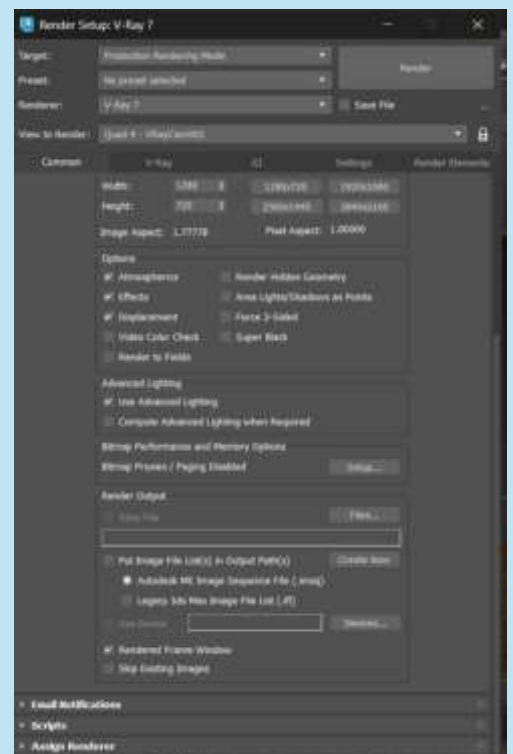


Render Setup , Or press F10 in keyboard , from Render Setup dialog specify Parameters .

||Main Toolbar|| > **Render Setup** button and then set **Renderer** to **V-Ray GPU**



||Rendering menu|| > **Render Setup...** and then



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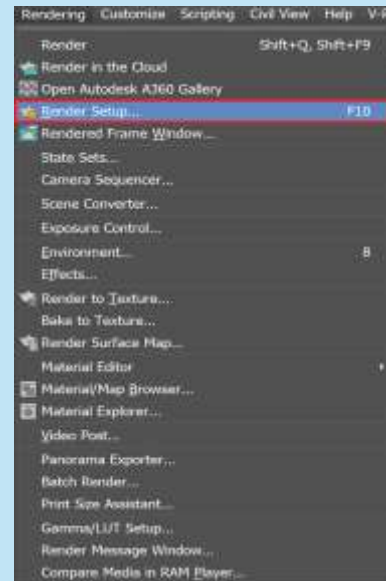
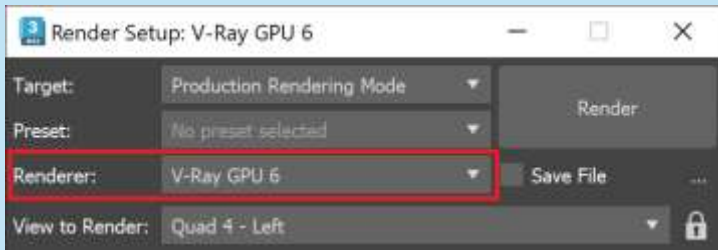
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set **Renderer** to **V-Ray GPU** or **F10**

||Render Setup window|| > **Renderer** > **V-Ray GPU**



## Scatter Geometry Overview



or

||Command panel|| > **Create** tab

> **Geometry** > **Chaos** > **ChaosScatter** button

**Chaos Scatter** is a powerful instancing and distribution tool that allows you to easily populate scenes with selected objects. This is especially useful for outdoor scenes that need to be filled with greenery, rocks, grass etc.

**Chaos Scatter** is also available with the **Corona** renderer

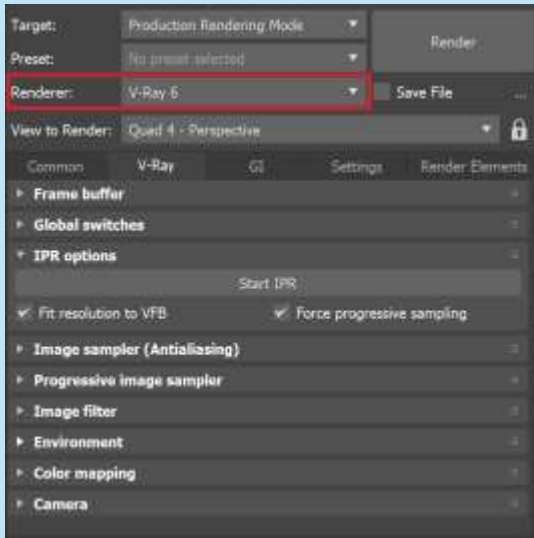
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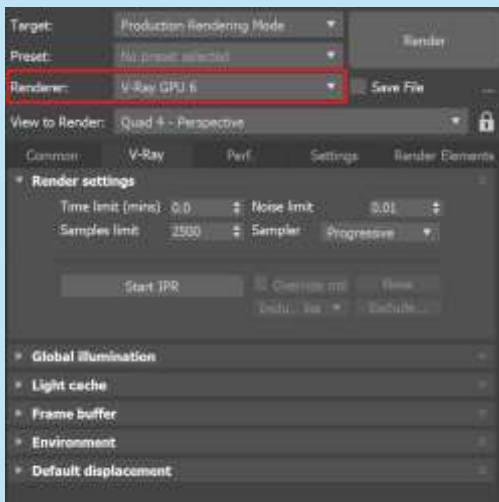
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**When the Renderer is V-Ray, the IPR options rollout appears under the V-Ray tab.**



**When the Renderer is V-Ray GPU, the IPR options appear under the Render settings rollout of the V-Ray tab.**

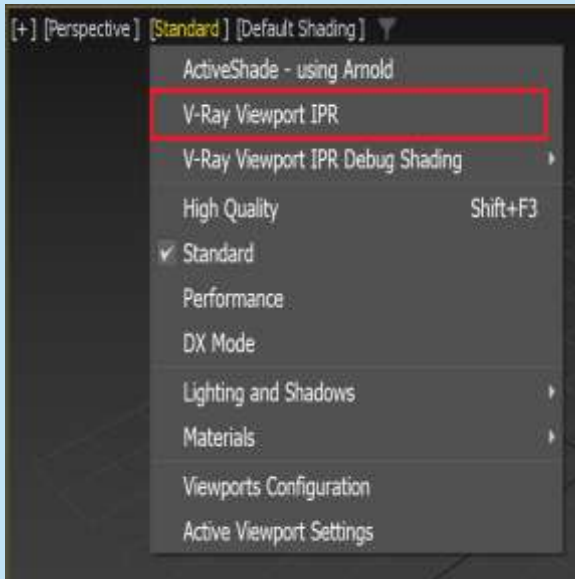
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**V-Ray Viewport IPR is accessible through the Shading menu of the Viewport**

## **Using V-Ray IPR**

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**The IPR option is accessible from the V-Ray Frame Buffer (VFB).**

**To use V-Ray IPR:**

**In the Render Setup window, make sure the render engine is set to V-Ray. To open the VFB, click the Last VFB button on the Toolbar, or go to the respective Render Setup rollout for V-Ray or V-Ray GPU engine.**

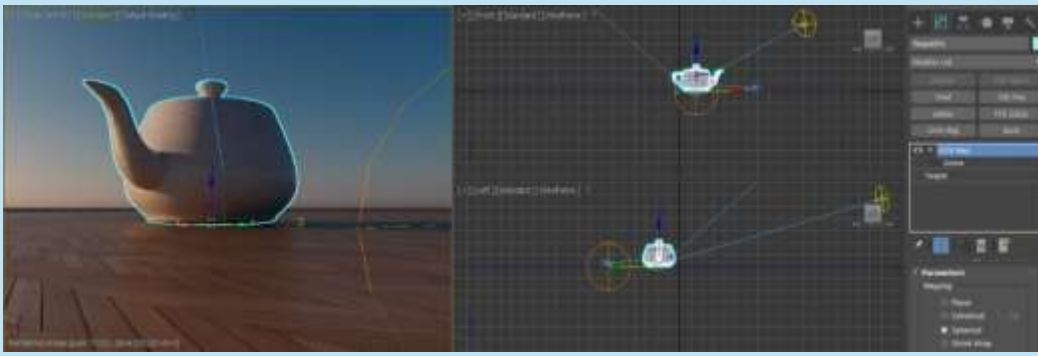
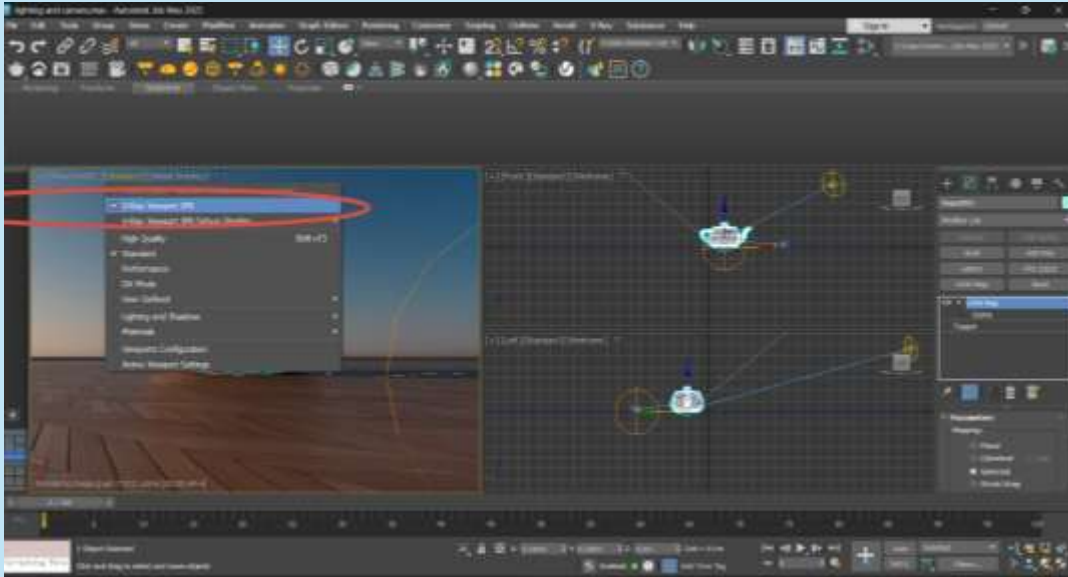
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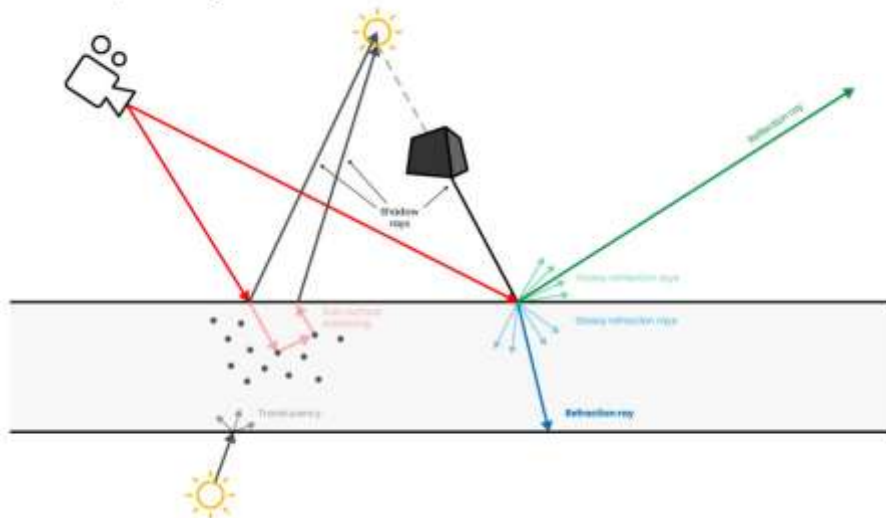
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Basic Ray Tracing



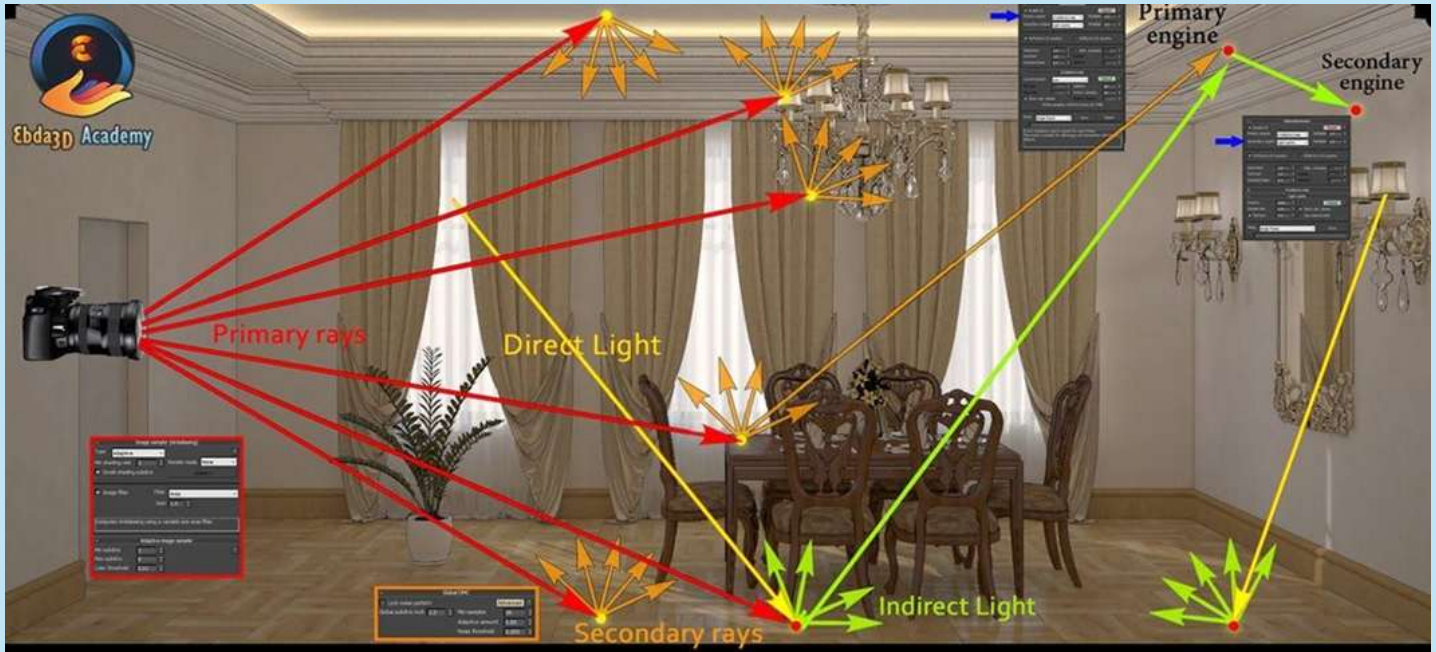
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## Material Editor

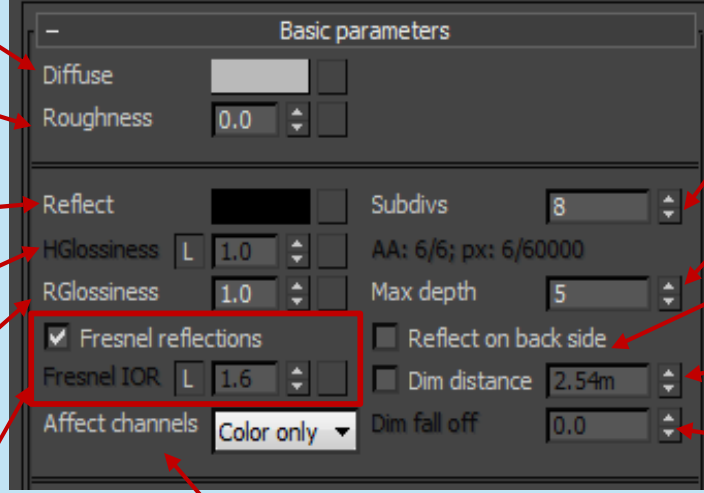


To open Material Editor Using one of the following methods:

- Clicking the icons in the main toolbar's Material Editor
- Press from keyboard ( M )
- Open Rendering Menu from Menu Bar ► Material Editor



V-Ray Material



اللون المنتشر على سطح الخامة

يستخدم هذا الاختيار مع الاسطح الخشنة او المغطاة بالغبار

لون الاسود يعني عدم وجود انعكاس نهائيا والابيض يعني

كل اللمعان على الخامة

تعني 1.0

حدة الانعكاسات القيمة انعكاسات حادة جدا كالمرآة والقيم الاقل تنتج انعكاسات اقل حدة

- Fresnel reflections هذا

الخيار يجعل قوة الانعكاس

معتمدة على الزاوية المنظور اليه منها

- Fresnel IOR معامل انعكاس

الخامات وهو مرتب بنظيره في قسم الانكسارات

انعكاس كامل

Fresnel IOR

جودة لمعان الانعكاسات

عدد مرات الانعكاس

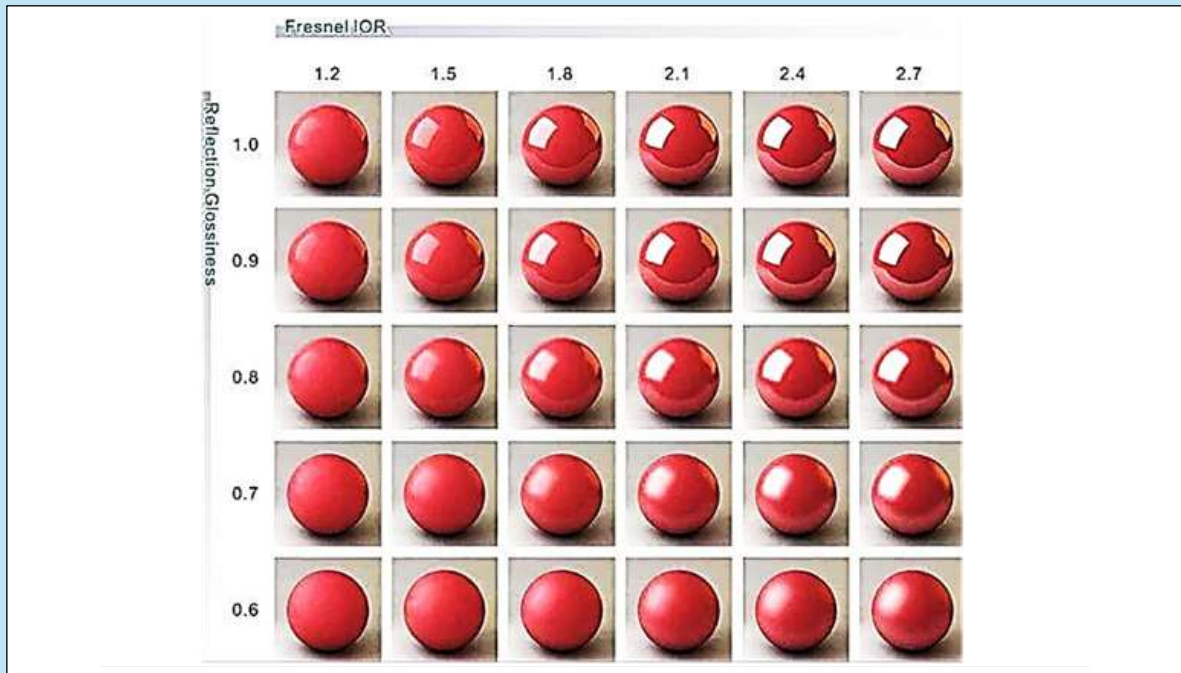
يجعل الانعكاس على وجهين

لتحديد المسافة التي لن يتم تتبع

اشعاع الانعكاس بعدها

اقل مسافة يمكن تتبع شعاع الانعكاس عندها

لتحديد القنوات التي ستتأثر بالانعكاسات





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لون الانكسار

حدة الانكسارات , القيمة 1.0 تنتج انكسار كالزجاج والقيم الاقل تنتج انعكاسات مشوشة او لامة

معامل الانكسار

لحساب تشتت الطول الموجي للضوء بطريقة صحيحة

لتحديد القنوات التي ستاثر بالانعكاسات لون الخامات

الشفافة كالزجاج

شدة لون الخامات لاختيار طريقة

حساب الشفافية

انتشار الشعاع داخل الجسم

اتجاه انتشار الشعاع داخل الجسم وخارجه

لون انبعاث اضاءة ذاتية من المجسمات

جودة الانكسارات

عدد مرات الانكسار

اللون الناتج عند الوصول الى اقصى عمق انكساري

لجعل الظلال تاثر بشفافية الخامات بتغيير هذه القيمة يمكننا جعل الاجزاء الرقيقة في المجسمات اكثر شفافية او العكس

لتحديد مدى تعقب الشعاع تحت السطح لون الوجه الخلفي للخامة وعادة

يؤخذ هذا اللون من Fog color

كمية الضوء المؤثر على الاسطح الشفافة شدة الاضاءة الذاتية المنبعثة من المجسمات

لتفعيل حسابات الاضاءة الغير مباشرة لتلك الاضاءة الذاتية

هذه الانواع تتحدد نمط وشكل اللمعان كما هو موضح بالرسم

زيادة هذه القيمة يتغير شكل اللمعان الى الشكل الطولي وليس الدائري

لتدوير الجزء الاعمق

لاختيار اتجاه الدوران

لوضع الخامات على كلا الوجهين للمجسمات

لاستخدام خرائط اللمعان لتقدير انتشار الاضاءة الغير مباشرة للخامة

لوضع قيم material ID

لتمكين او الغاء تتبع الانعكاسات

لتمكين او الغاء تتبع الانكسارات هذه القيمة هي العتبة التي عندها سيتوقف تتبع الانعكاسات و الانكسارات

Microfacet GTR (GGX)

Use glossiness

Use roughness

GTR tail falloff

Anisotropy

Rotation

Local axis X Y Z

Map channel

Options

Trace reflections

Trace refractions

Cutoff

Env. priority

Glossy Fresnel

Preserve energy

Double-sided

Use irradiance map

Fog system units scaling

Effect ID

Opacity mode



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### Area Lights

#### Related terms: Rectangle Light

An area light is a light source that has a discrete size. These types of light sources produce both shadows and speculars accurately, closely matching real-life lights. V-Ray supports rendering of area lights through V-RayLight. (See also: [Area shadows](#))

### Mesh Light

Mesh Light is a type of area light that turns a mesh object into a light source. It allows the creation of complex-shaped light fixtures.

### Light Material

Light Material turns a mesh object into a light source. It is generally used for producing self-illuminated surfaces.

### Area shadows

#### Related terms: Soft Shadows

Area shadows are blurred shadows (or shadows with blurred edges) that are caused by non-point light sources (Area lights). V-Ray is capable of producing the effect of area shadows either through V-RayShadow or through area lights. (See also: [Area lights](#))

### Bucket

#### Related terms: Region, Rendering Region

A bucket is a rectangular part of the current frame that is rendered independently from other buckets. The division of a frame into rendering regions allows for optimal resource utilization (CPUs, PCs, memory). It also allows for more efficient distributed rendering. (See also: [Distributed Rendering](#))

### Caustics

This is the effect of light refracted by a non-opaque object hitting a (diffuse) surface.

### Depth of Field (DOF)

Depth of field is the effect of having a particular plane in the scene to appear focused (sharp) and the rest to appear out of focus (blurry) depending on camera shutter properties and the distance from the camera. This is similar to how real world cameras work. Depth of field settings are usually found under the V-Ray Camera.

### Distributed Rendering (DR)



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**Distributed rendering is a technique for utilizing all available computational resources (usually all machines in a local network). Overall DR assures that V-Ray makes the most out of your equipment when rendering a single frame.**

**When rendering in 3ds Max, the standard network rendering should be used for rendering animation sequences as it may be more efficient. (See also: [Glossary#Network Rendering](#))**

### Render Server

**A *render server* is one of the computers in the network that does the rendering work. A render server requests render data from the render client, processes it, and sends the result back. In any DR job, there can be many render servers.**

### Render Client

**The render client is the computer from which the rendering is started. V-Ray must be running on this computer in order to start DR. The process initiated by the render client divides the frame into rendering regions and distributes them among the render servers, and later collects the results. In any DR job, there is only one render client.**

### Embree raycaster

**By default, V-Ray uses the Intel Embree raycaster. For more information, see the [official Intel Embree site](#).**

### G-Buffer

**This term describes the collection of various data generated during image rendering. These could be *Z*-values, material IDs, object IDs, non-clamped colors, etc. This has proven to be very useful for performing post-rendering image processing. (See also: [G-Buffer Anti-aliasing](#), [Image Sampler](#))**

### G-Buffer Anti-aliasing

**V-Ray is capable of anti-aliasing the rendered image based on the differences in one or several G-Buffer channels. (See also: [Anti-aliasing](#))**

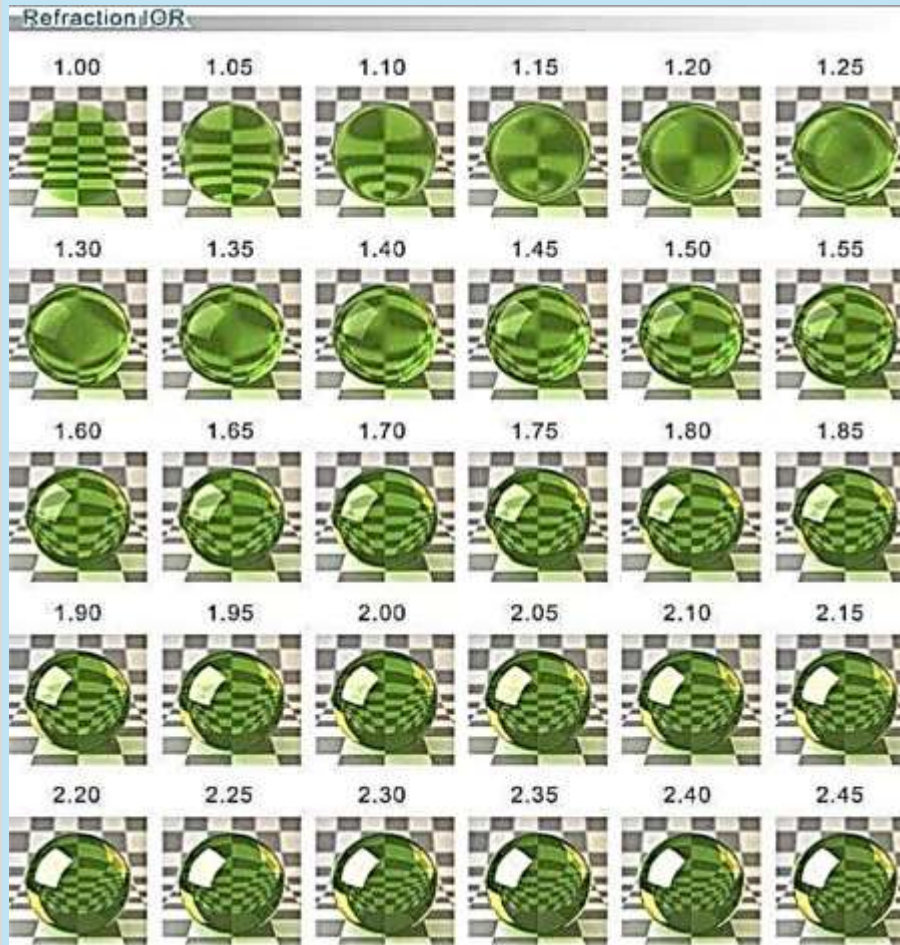
### HDRI (High Dynamic Range Image)

**A High Dynamic Range Image is an image containing a high-dynamic range of colors (with components exceeding the range 0.0-1.0, or 0-255). This type of image is often used as an environment map to light the scene with natural light.**

### Importance Sampling

**Importance sampling is a technique for basing the number of samples required for evaluating a blurry value on the effect that value has on the final result. For example, dark materials require fewer samples for evaluating GI than**

bright materials; dim area lights can do with less samples than bright lights etc. Importance sampling is used throughout V-Ray for all blurry values. (See also: [Early termination](#))



IOR" in 3ds Max refers to the Index of Refraction, a material property that controls how light bends as it passes through a transparent surface and how much it reflects. It is used in creating realistic materials by simulating how light interacts with real-world objects like glass, water, and plastic. Different values of IOR are used for different materials, with (1.0) being air and a value like (1.5) representing a material like glass.

How it works in 3ds Max

- Material properties:

You can set the IOR value directly in the material's properties to control the amount of light refraction and reflection.

- Realism:

A higher IOR value (e.g., glass at 1.5) will cause more distortion of objects behind the surface, while a lower value (e.g., air at 1.0) will cause less distortion.

- Presets:

## METAL SHADER WORKFLOW

### STEP 1

#### BASE SHADER

Standard material shader with default settings.



DIFFUSE COLOR: 255 / 255 / 255  
DIFFUSE AMOUNT: 70% (0.7)  
SPEC COLOR: 255 / 255 / 255  
SPEC AMOUNT: 30% (0.3)  
ROUGHNESS: 40% (0.4)  
FRESNEL: No  
IOR: 1.5

### STEP 2

#### ESTABLISHING BASE VALUES

Here we are setting up the standard shader to follow a more physically accurate approach, providing base values to work from.



DIFFUSE COLOR: 0 / 0 / 0  
DIFFUSE AMOUNT: 0% (0)  
SPEC COLOR: 145 / 145 / 145  
SPEC AMOUNT: 100% (1.0)  
ROUGHNESS: 38% (0.38)  
FRESNEL: No  
IOR: 2.0

### STEP 3

#### ADJUSTING IOR / FRESNEL

Although more subtle in appearance for metals, IOR and Fresnel are needed to give different metals the unique look that each one has.



DIFFUSE COLOR: 0 / 0 / 0  
DIFFUSE AMOUNT: 0% (0)  
SPEC COLOR: 145 / 145 / 145  
SPEC AMOUNT: 100% (1.0)  
ROUGHNESS: 38% (0.38)  
FRESNEL: No  
IOR: 2.0

### STEP 4

#### ADDING DETAIL

The most crucial step and what separates a CG looking material from one that is more believable. Use grunge maps to break-up and add detail to spec and roughness channels.



A small sample of the grunge map used. Avoid having flat maps for your shaders. **Inconsistency is key to believability.**

### STEP 5

#### ALTERING SURFACE QUALITY

This is optional depending on what kind of surface look you are wanting. You could stop after step 4 if that is your desired result. Here the grunge map has also been added to the bump channel.



DIFFUSE COLOR: 0 / 0 / 0  
DIFFUSE AMOUNT: 0% (0)  
SPEC COLOR: Map + 145 / 145 / 145  
SPEC AMOUNT: 100% (1.0)  
ROUGHNESS: Map + 38% (0.38)  
FRESNEL: No  
IOR: 2.0

When you apply a preset material, you can further customize it by changing parameters like the IOR value.

- Physical materials:

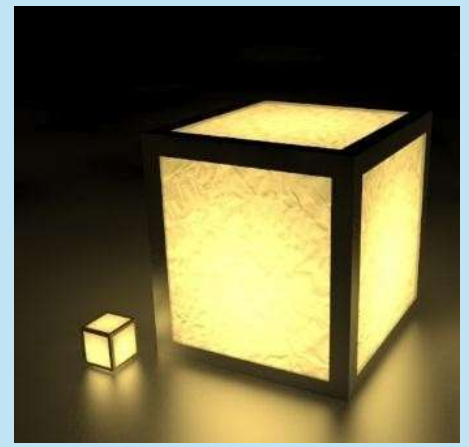
In some rendering engines, like Corona for 3ds Max, the IOR value is a key parameter for defining a physical material's properties.

- Advanced options:

For more complex scenarios, 3ds Max offers advanced options like a "Complex IOR" shader in the Arnold renderer for materials that require both real and imaginary parts of the index of refraction (e.g., metals).

Common IOR values

- Air: 1.0
- Glass: Around 1.5
- Water: Around 1.33
- Plastic: Around 1.35 to 1.35, depending on the type
- Metals: Often have high values, but for rendering purposes, specific values like 8–12 are used for certain projects



**(Example For V-Ray Material Translucency)**

**Task**



**Types of Lighting in V-Ray (Simple & Clear Explanation)**

**1) Ambient Lighting**

Purpose: General background light in the space

Effect: Soft, low-contrast lighting

Where used: Living rooms, bedrooms, wide interior spaces

V-Ray Source Example: V-Ray Environment Light

Short description:

Provides overall illumination with no strong direction.

## 2) Task Lighting

Purpose: Lighting for a specific activity or function

Effect: Focused, practical, direct

Where used: Desk light, kitchen counter light, reading light

V-Ray Source Example: V-Ray Light (Rectangle) near surfaces

Short description:

Light designed to help perform tasks clearly.

## 3) Accent Lighting

Purpose: Highlight or emphasize an object / feature

Effect: Strong contrast, shadows, dramatic



Where used: Sculpture, plants, wall textures, architectural details

V-Ray Source Example: V-Ray Spot Light / IES Light

Short description:

Used to draw attention to specific elements.

Type	Purpose	Effect	Example in Scene	V-Ray Light
Ambient	General room lighting	Soft, low contrast	Living room at night	Environment Light / Dome Light
Task	Lighting for work/activity	Focused & Direct	Reading lamp, kitchen counters	Rectangle / Spot Light
Accent	Highlighting objects	High contrast / dramatic	Garden feature, art wall	Spot / IES Light

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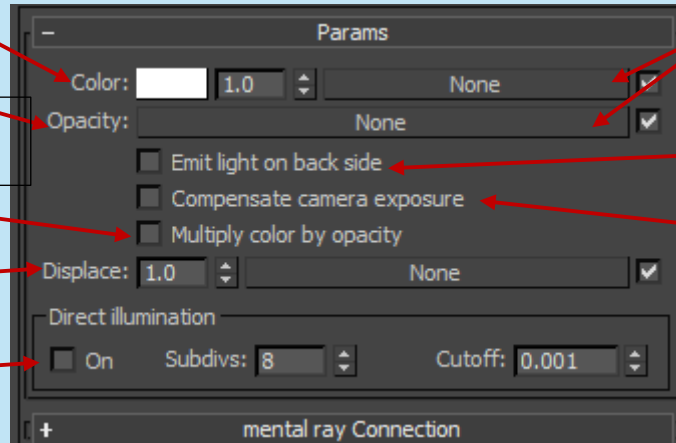
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لزيادة قوة الشفافية لاضافة

سمك للخامات

لتشغيل حسابات

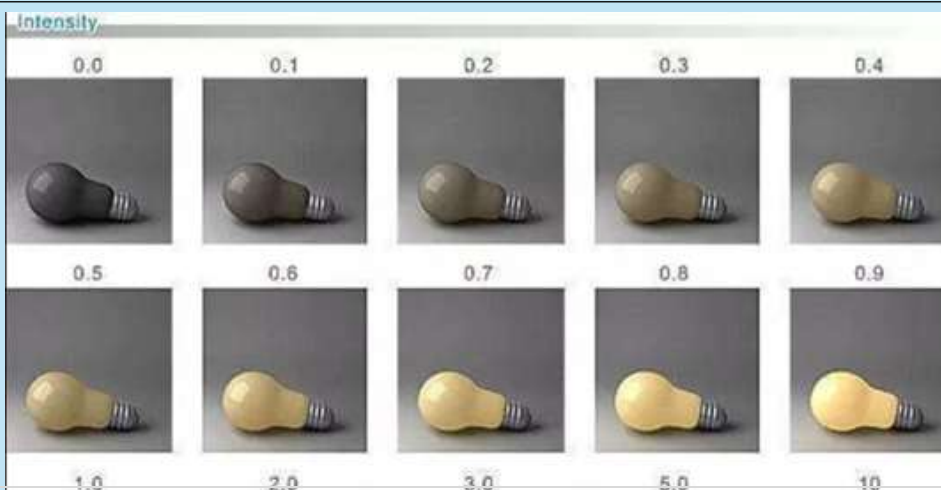
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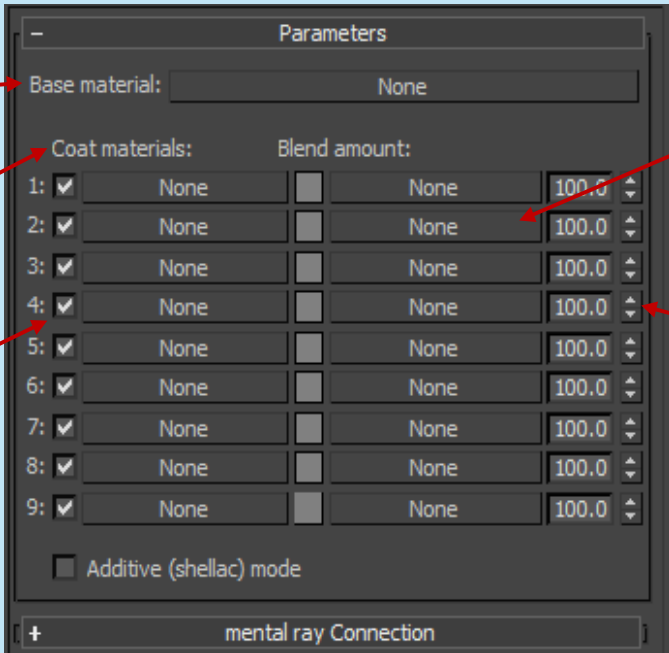
يستخدم لوضع

لوضع الخامات على كلا الوجهين للمجسمات

يستخدم لزيادة قوة اضاءة الخام



## V-Ray Blend Material



Parameters

Base material: None

Coat materials:	Blend amount:
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Additive (shellac) mode

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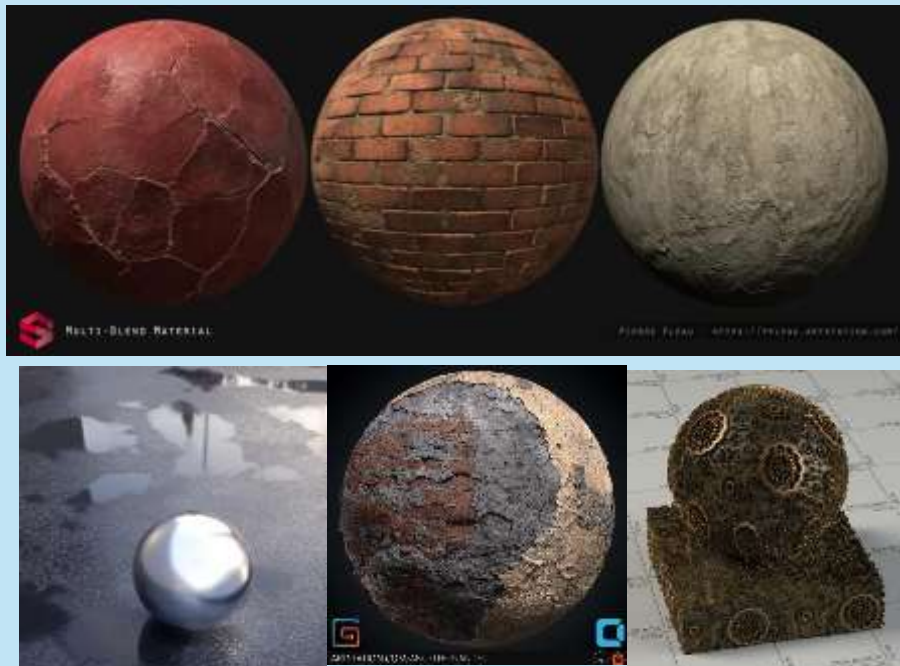
يستخدم لوضع map من اجل حذف جزء من الخامة الثانوية لتظهر اجزاء من الخامة الاساسية

يستخدم للتحكم في قيمة الـ map

يستخدم لوضع الخامة الثانوية

يستخدم لوضع الخامة الاساسية

لتفعيل او الغاء الخامة



(Example For V-Ray Blend Material)

# **OTHER TOOLS USED IN RENDER**

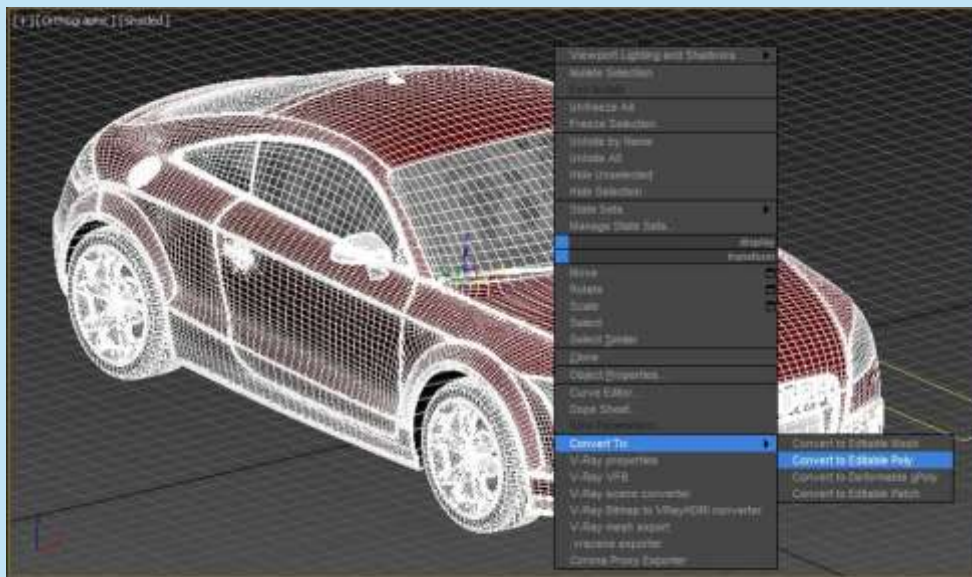
## **VRayProxy**

VRayProxy its mean save object as external file (vrmesh ) and then you can import into current file by using ( VRayProxy ).

VRayProxy used to reduce file size .

Using the following methods to creat VRayProxy :

- 1- Select objects ► Right - click ► Convert To ► Convert to Editable Poly .



- 2- Select one object from them and attach other objects to make one object by using Editable poly .

- 3- Assign material to objects .

- 4- Select object ► Right- click ► V-Ray mesh export ► from dialog specify parameters ► Click Ok .

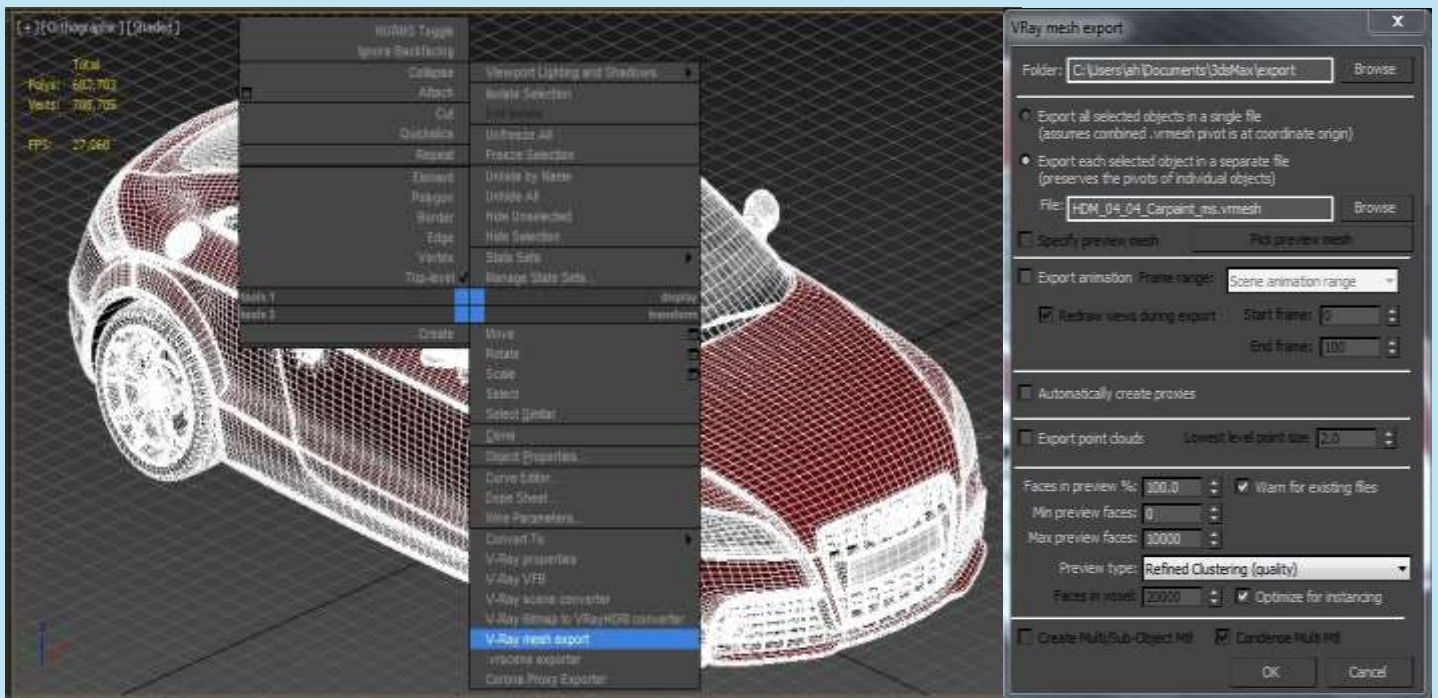


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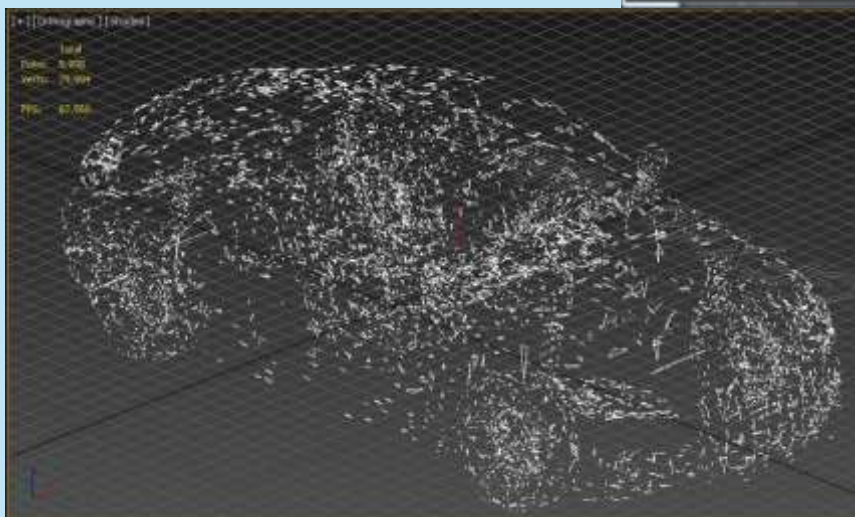
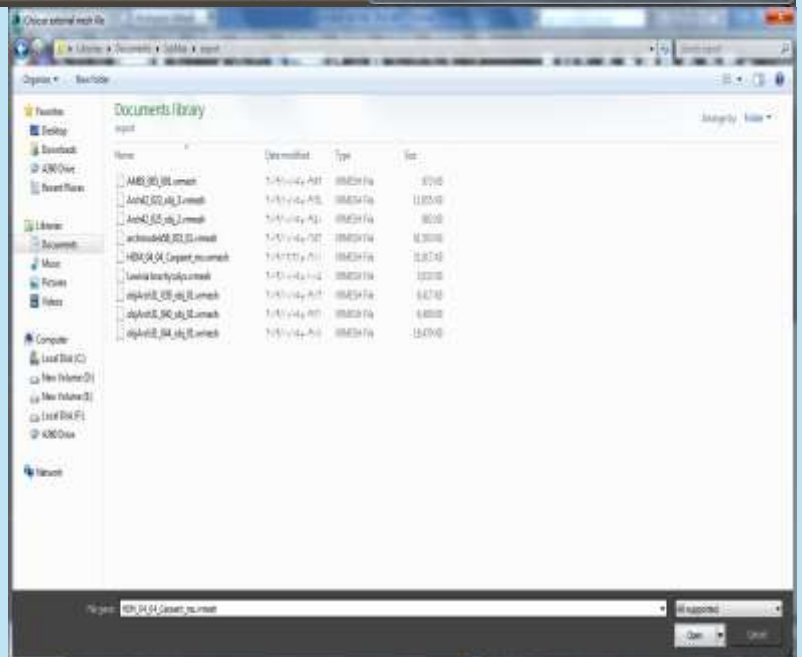
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- 1- Delete object .
- 2- To import object In the Command panel click Create ( ) ► Geometry ( )► from the drop-down menu select VRay ► from Object Type select VRayProxy ► click in viewports .
- 3- From dialog select file ► click Open .



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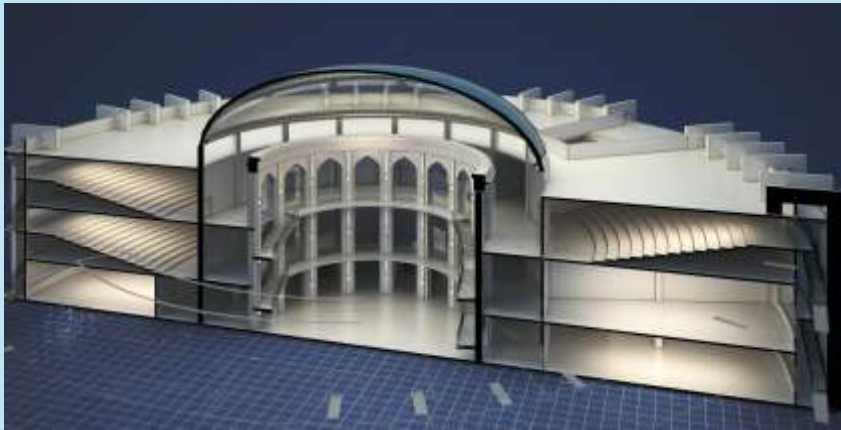
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## VrayClipper

In the Command panel click Create (  ) ► Geometry (  ) ► from the drop-down menu select V-Ray ► from Object Type select VrayClipper ► click in viewports .

### ( Effect VrayClipper )



**Enabled** – Turns the clipper effect on and off.

**Affect lights** – When enabled, the clipper affects area lighting as well.

**Camera rays only** – The clipper affects objects as they are directly seen by the camera, but they appear unchanged to reflection/refraction/GI rays.

**Clip lights geometry** – Enables or disables the clipping of lights geometry (for example a mesh light).

**Use object material** – When enabled, the clipper uses the material of each clipped object to fill in the resulting holes. When disabled, the material applied to the clipper object itself is used.

**Set material ID** – When enabled, you can specify a face material ID for the clipper object. This ID can then be used inside a Multi/Sub-object material to specify a different filler material for different objects. This option is available only when **Use object material is enabled**.

**Material ID** – Specifies the face material ID for the clipped surfaces when **Set material ID** is enabled.

**Icon text** – Shows/hides the V-Ray clipper icon text from the viewports.

**Mesh mode** - Enables the clipper to clip against an arbitrary mesh object rather than an infinite plane.



**Operation** - Determines how to use the mesh when **Mesh mode** is enabled:

**Intersection** - Clips away anything that is outside the specified mesh; only renders objects and parts of objects inside the specified mesh;

**Subtraction** - Clips away anything inside the specified mesh; only renders objects and parts of objects outside of the specified mesh.

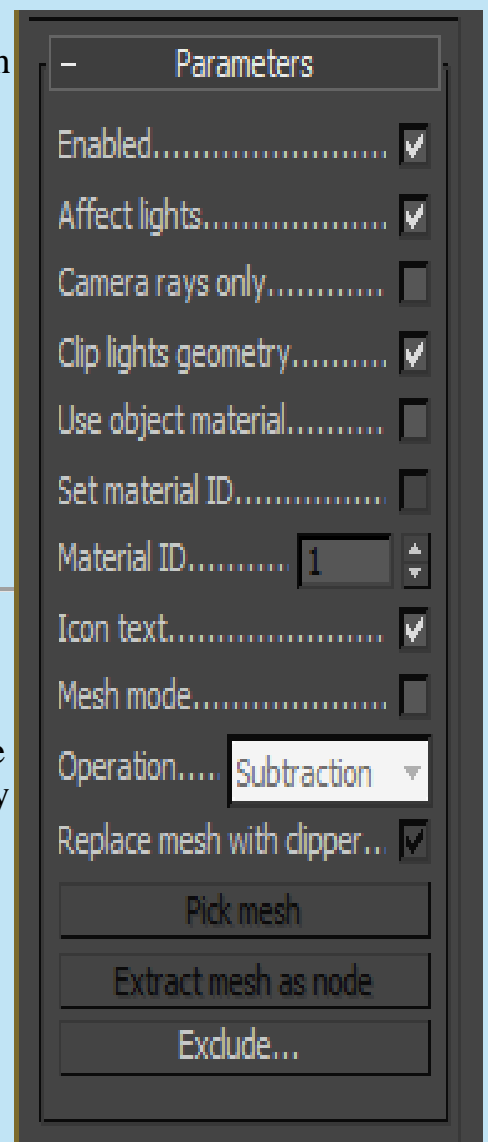
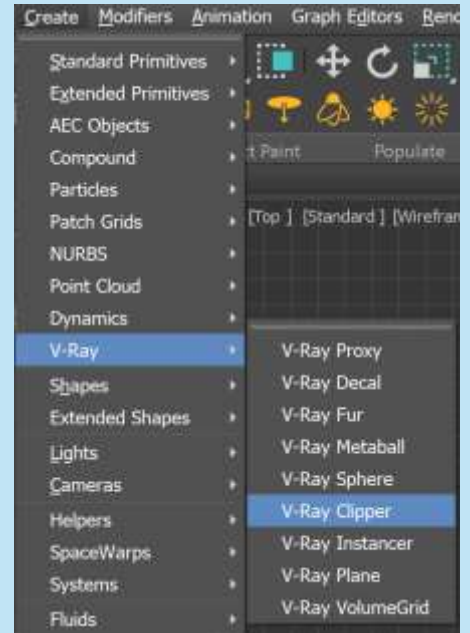
**Replace mesh with clipper** – Specifies what to do with the mesh that is picked through the **Pick mesh** button. When enabled, the mesh is moved as a sub-object under the V-RayClipper object and the clipper takes the place of the mesh. If disabled, the clipper just references the picked mesh.

**Icon Size** – Specifies the size of the viewport gizmo in world units. This allows the gizmo to be static, regardless of its distance from the camera, or to be removed altogether.

**Pick mesh** – Allows you to pick a mesh object against which to clip when **Mesh mode** is enabled. This button is only active in the Modify tab of the 3ds Max Command Panel, and not in its Create tab.

**Extract mesh as node** – Extracts an instance geometry of the clipper mesh when **Mesh mode** is active.

**Exclude** – Opens an include/exclude list that allows you to select which scene objects to be clipped.



## Notes

- V-RayClipper works best with "closed" objects that have a corresponding back face. The results on open objects (without a corresponding back face) are not well defined.
- Currently the V-RayClipper may produce artifacts if there are overlapping triangles in the scene, regardless of whether they are part of the same object or not.
- Note that **Set material ID** must be used for Multi/Sub-object, it does not act like Mtl ID in MultiMatteElement

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<i>Open file</i>	<b>CTRL+O (LETTER "O")</b>
<i>Save file</i>	<b>CTRL+S</b>
<i>Redo scene operation</i>	<b>CTRL+Y</b>
<i>Undo scene operation</i>	<b>CTRL+Z</b>
<i>Delete objects</i>	<b>DELETE</b>
<i>Top view</i>	<b>T</b>
<i>Bottom view</i>	<b>B</b>
<i>Left view</i>	<b>L</b>
<i>Front view</i>	<b>F</b>
<i>Camera view</i>	<b>C</b>
<i>Isometric user view</i>	<b>U</b>
<i>List view</i>	<b>V</b>
<b>Snaps</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>Angle snap</b>	<b>A</b>
<i>Maximize viewport toggle</i>	<b>ALT+W</b>
<i>Shade selected faces</i>	<b>F2</b>
<i>Wireframe / smooth toggle</i>	<b>F3</b>
<i>Activate edged faces view mod</i>	<b>F4</b>
<i>Material editor</i>	<b>M</b>
<i>Expert mode</i>	<b>CTRL+X</b>
<i>Show tab panel toggle</i>	<b>Y</b>
<i>Hide cameras toggle</i>	<b>SHIFT+C</b>
<i>Hide lights toggle</i>	<b>SHIFT+L</b>
<i>Hide grids toggle</i>	<b>G</b>
<i>Go to end frame</i>	<b>END</b>
<i>Go to start frame</i>	<b>HOME</b>
<i>Forward time one unit</i>	<b>. (PERIOD)</b>
<i>Back time one unit</i>	<b>, (COMMA)</b>
<i>Play animation</i>	<b>/ (FORWARD SLASH)</b>
<i>Auto key toggle</i>	<b>N</b>
<i>Render last</i>	<b>F9</b>
<i>Show cordient</i>	<b>X</b>
<i>Render scene</i>	<b>F10</b>
<i>Select all</i>	<b>CTRL+A</b>
<i>Select invert</i>	<b>CTRL+I (LETTER "I")</b>
<i>Select none</i>	<b>CTRL+D</b>



<i>Show safe frames</i>	<i>SHIFT+F</i>
<i>Create camera from view</i>	<i>CTRL+C</i>
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<i>Select-by-name dialog</i>	<i>H</i>
<i>Select</i>	<i>Q</i>
<i>Move</i>	<i>W</i>
<i>Rotate</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Scale</i>	<i>R</i>
<i>Transform gizmo toggle</i>	<i>X</i>
<i>Transform type-in dialog</i>	<i>F12</i>
<i>Align</i>	<i>ALT+A</i>
<i>Zoom extents selected all</i>	<i>Z</i>
<i>Zoom region mode</i>	<i>CTRL+W</i>
<i>Maximise viewport</i>	<i>Alt+W</i>

## Editable Poly

<b>1</b>	<b>Vertex level</b>
<b>2</b>	Edge level
<b>3</b>	Border level
<b>4</b>	Poly level
<b>5</b>	Element level
<b>Shift+E</b>	Extrude mode
<b>Ctrl+Shift+B</b>	Bevel mode
<b>Ctrl+Shift+C</b>	Chamfer mode

<b>Ctrl+Shift+E</b>	Connect
<b>Shift+X</b>	Edge constaint
<b>Ctrl+Shift+W</b>	Target weld
<b>Alt+C</b>	Cut
<b>Ctrl+Shift+Q</b>	Quickslice
<b>Alt+H</b>	Hide
<b>Alt+I</b>	Hide unselected
<b>Alt+U</b>	Unhide all

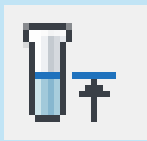
## Material Editor



(Go to Parent)



(Material Editor Options)



(Show End Result.)



(Put Material to Scene)



Show Shaded Material  
in Viewport



(Reset Map/Mtl to Default  
Settings)



(Assign Material to  
Selection)



(Make Material Copy)



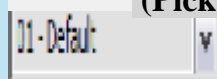
(Get Material)



(Pick Material From Object)



(Select By Material)



Material Name field

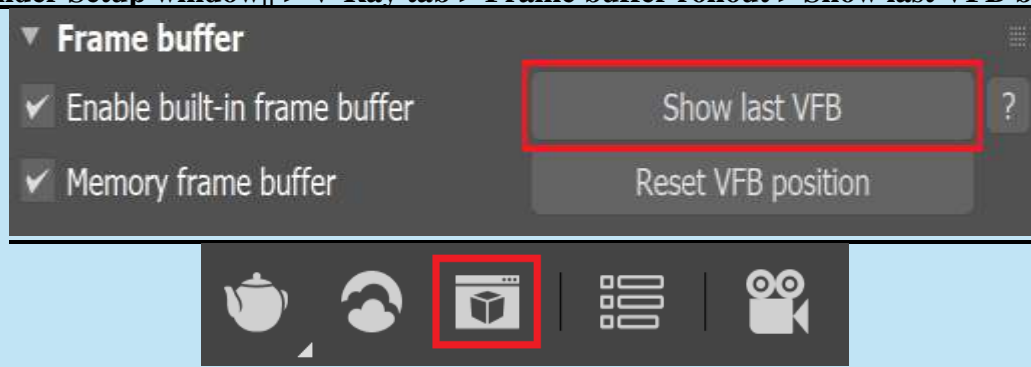
## V-Ray Frame Buffer

||V-Ray Toolbar|| > Last  
VFB button



Max2024 V-Ray6.2 VFB UI toolbar

||Render Setup window|| > V-Ray tab > Frame buffer rollout > Show last VFB button



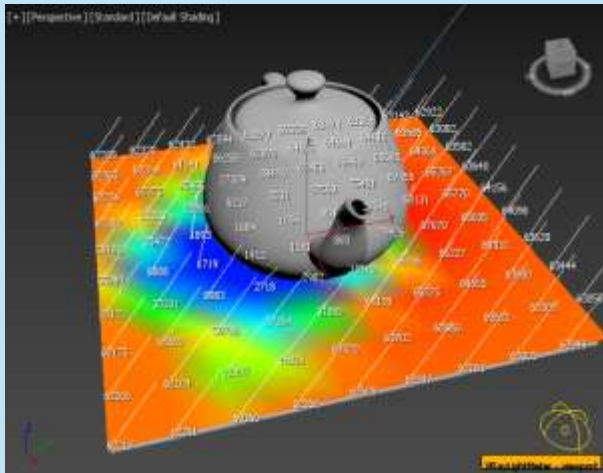
## Overview

The lighting analysis workflows with V-Ray are based around two components: the VRayLightMeter helper object, and the VRayLightingAnalysis Render Element. While the VRayLightMeter object has been included in V-Ray since version 2.0, it is updated and improved for V-Ray Next and later to ensure better precision of the results. The VRayLightingAnalysis Render Element is newer than the VRayLightMeter workflow in V-Ray.

## VRayLightMeter Helper

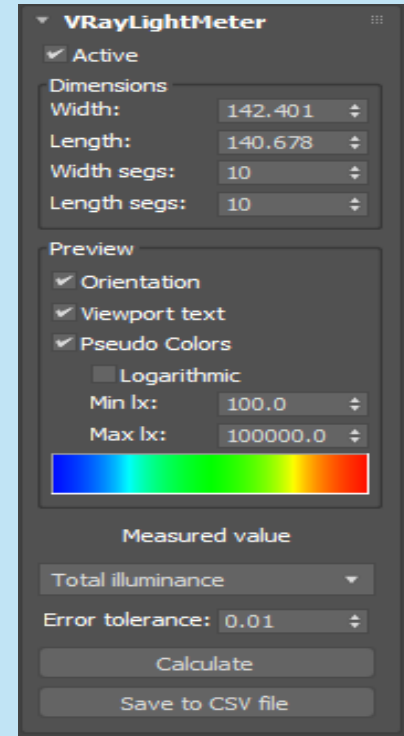
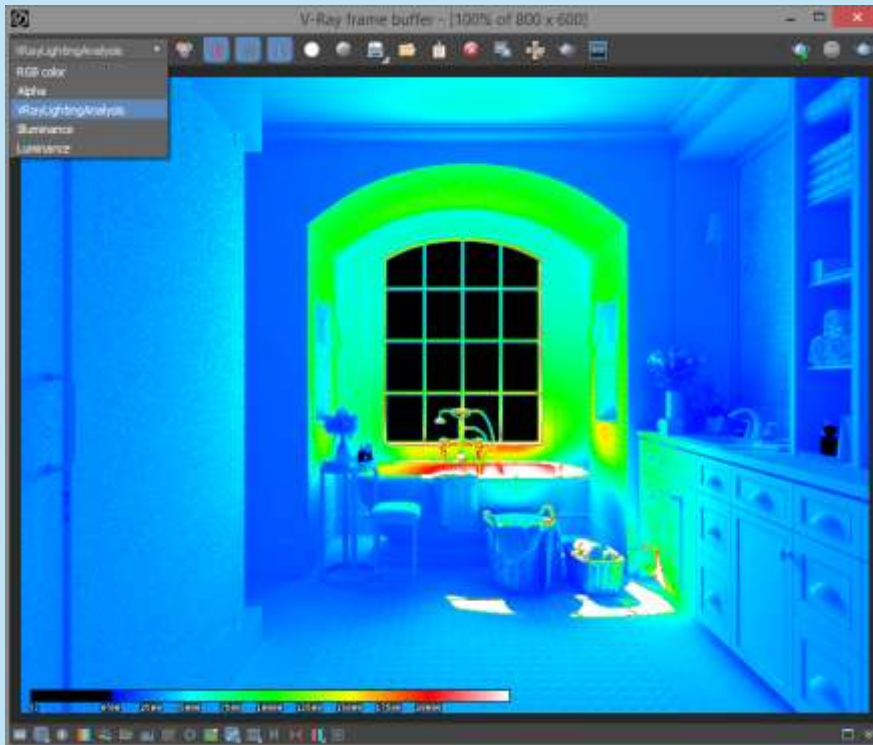
**The VRayLightMeter helper is a rectangular grid that can be added to the scene to show illuminance values at the vertices of the grid. It enables showing total illuminance, direct illuminance, indirect illuminance and daylight factor. The predominant direction from which the respective lighting component comes can also be shown.**

**The VRayLightMeter in the 3ds Max viewport, with pseudo colors, orientation and textual illuminance values displayed.**



**The interface of the VRayLightMeter in the 3ds Max command panel.**





VRayLightingAnalysis Render

### Element

The VRayLightingAnalysis Render Element is a special element that can be added from the Render Settings.

Adding this render element internally adds two other render elements to the V-Ray frame buffer called Illuminance and Luminance which are filled with the absolute unscaled lux and candela values for the respective quantity.

The V-Ray frame buffer showing the VRayLightingAnalysis render element in “false colors” mode after a render is complete. The additional Illuminance and Luminance render elements can be seen in the VFB as well.

The interface of the VRayLightingAnalysis Render Element.

### VRayPhysicalCamera



Overview

The V-RayPhysicalCamera uses real-world camera settings such as f-stop, focal length, and shutter speed to set up the virtual CG camera. It also makes it easier to use light sources with real-world illumination, such as [V-RayLight](#) with physical units or [V-RaySun](#) and [V-RaySky](#).

UI Path: ||Create Menu|| > Cameras > V-Ray > V-RayPhysicalCamera

||Create menu|| > Cameras > V-Ray > V-RayPhysicalCamera

||V-Ray menu|| > Create > Cameras > V-Ray Physical Camera Script Access



||V-Ray Toolbar|| > Physical Camera button



Basic & Display

**Type** – Specifies whether the camera has a target in the 3ds Max scene or not. This helps to determinate the type of the camera. This mostly has an effect on the motion blur effect produced by the camera.

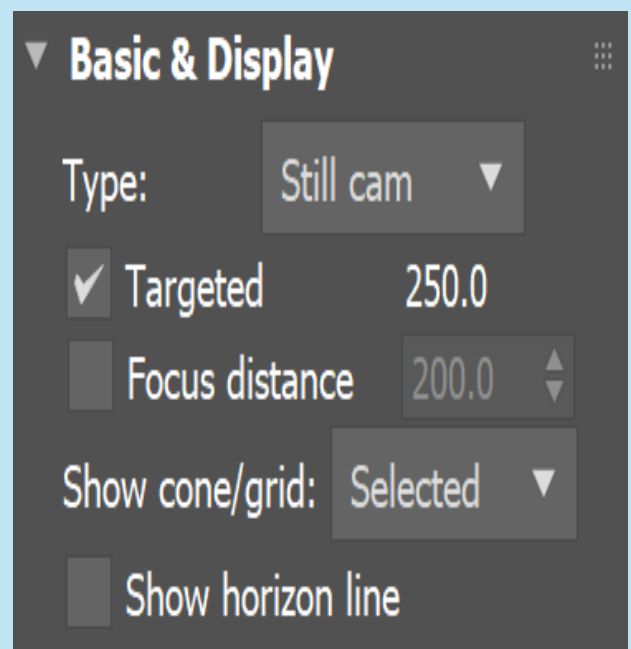
**Still cam** – Simulates a still photo camera with a regular shutter.

**Movie cam** – Simulates a motion-picture camera with a circular shutter.

**Video cam** – Simulates a shutterless video camera with a CCD matrix.

**Targeted** – Shows the distance from the camera to the camera target, when Targeted is enabled.

**Focus distance** – If enabled, specifies the distance at which objects are in focus.



**Show cone/grid – Controls whether and when to show a preview of the camera field of view and focus plane.**

**Selected – Only shows the preview when the camera is selected.**

**Always – Constantly enables the preview.**

**Never – Constantly disables the preview.**

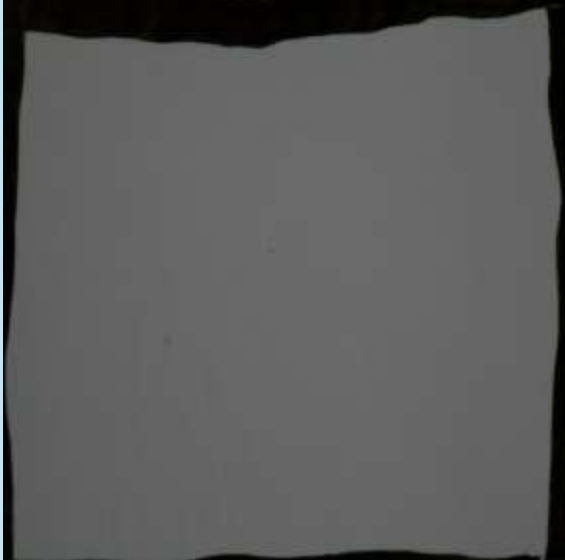
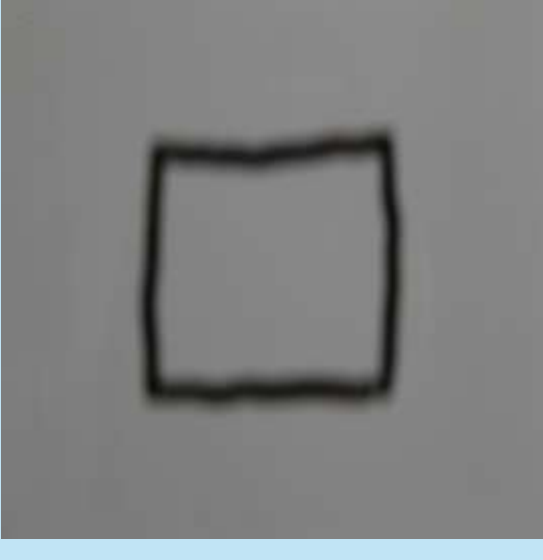
**Cone only – Displays the cone in the viewport but removes the grid for the camera view.**

**Show horizon line – When enabled, displays the camera horizon line in the viewport.**

**Example: Exposure, Field of View and Focus Distance**

The focus distance of the physical camera (as specified by either the Target distance or the Focus distance parameter) affects the exposure of the image and the field of view for the camera, especially if the focus distance is close to the camera. This is an effect that can be observed with real-world cameras as demonstrated in the images below.

The set up is a white board with a small black rectangle and a camera in front of it. Notice how changing the focus distance produces images with different brightness even though the illumination and all other camera parameters are the same in both cases. Also notice the change in the field of view.

		
<p>The camera is focused on the white board; the grey color is approximately RGB 104, 104, 104.</p>		<p>The camera is focused at infinity; the grey color is approximately RGB 135, 135, 135.</p>



Side view of the camera focused at infinity.



Side view of the camera focused on the white board

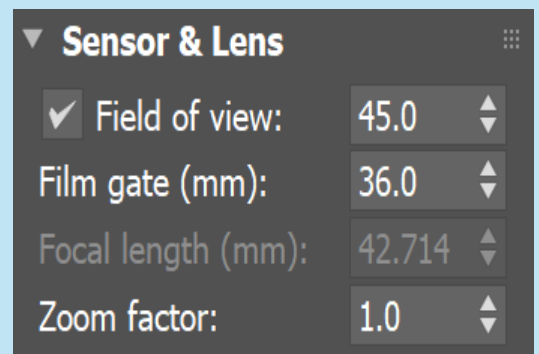
### Sensor & Lens

**Field of view** – When enabled, sets the field of view directly without having to set up the Film gate and Focal length.

**Film gate (mm)** – Specifies the horizontal size of the film gate in millimeters. Note that this setting takes into account the system units configuration to produce the correct result. Vertical film gate size is calculated by accounting image aspect ratio (vertical film size = horizontal film size / aspect ratio).

**Focal length (mm)** – Specifies the equivalent focal length of the camera lens. This setting takes into account the system units configuration to produce the correct result.

**Zoom factor** – Specifies a zoom factor. Values greater than 1.0 zoom into the image; values smaller than 1.0 zoom out. This is similar to a blow-up rendering of the image.



### Example: Zoom Factor

This parameter determines the zooming (in and out) of the final image. It doesn't move the camera forward nor backwards.

The following constant settings were used for some parameters: Exposure is set to Physical Exposure mode, F-Number is 4.0, Shutter speed is 8.0, Film speed (ISO) is 100, Vignetting is

on, White balance is white.



### Aperture

**Film speed (ISO)** – Determines the film power (i.e. sensitivity). Smaller values make the image darker, while larger values make it brighter. *For more information, see the [Film Speed \(ISO\) example](#) below.*

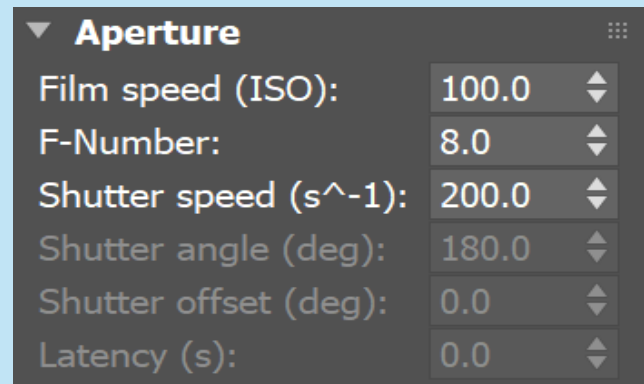
**F-Number** – Determines the width of the camera aperture and, indirectly, exposure. If the Exposure option is checked, changing the F-number will affect the image brightness. For more information, see the [F-number \(s-top\) example](#) below.

**Shutter speed ( $s^{-1}$ )** – Specifies the shutter speed, in inverse seconds, for the still photographic camera. For example, shutter speed of  $1/30$  s corresponds to a value of 30 for this parameter. For more information, see the [Shutter Speed example](#) below.

**Shutter angle (deg)** – Specifies the shutter angle (in degrees) for the movie camera.

**Shutter offset (deg)** – Specifies the shutter offset (in degrees) for the movie camera.

**Latency (s)** – Specifies the CCD matrix latency (in seconds) when the camera mode is set to Video cam.



### Aperture F-number vs Shutter Speed vs ISO Cheat Sheet

The main options that control the brightness of a V-Ray Physical camera are Aperture F-number, Shutter Speed and ISO. They affect each other and you need to balance their values according to your scene. Keep in mind that these settings do not correspond to those of a real-life camera. They apply only to the V-Ray Physical camera.

- F-number determines the size of the opening in the camera lens. The number refers to the



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ratio between the aperture's focal length and the actual diameter of the aperture. A smaller F-number means a larger aperture. The larger the Aperture, the brighter the scene becomes but that also introduces more Depth of field.

- Shutter Speed determines how long the lens stays open when taking the photo. The numbers refer to fractions of a second. The slower the Shutter Speed, the brighter the scene becomes but that also introduces Motion Blur.
- ISO determines the camera's sensitivity to light. Lowering the ISO means that more light is needed to achieve good lighting. Increasing the ISO means that less light is needed to achieve good lighting. A day scene, lit with a V-Ray Sun, for instance, looks best when captured with around 100 ISO.





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**Aperture**

Small aperture: deep depth of field / darker  
Large aperture: shallow depth of field / brighter

Aperture values: f/32, f/22, f/16, f/11, f/8, f/5.6, f/4, f/2.8, f/2, f/1.4

**Shutter Speed**

Fast shutter: freeze action / darker  
Slow shutter: blur action / brighter

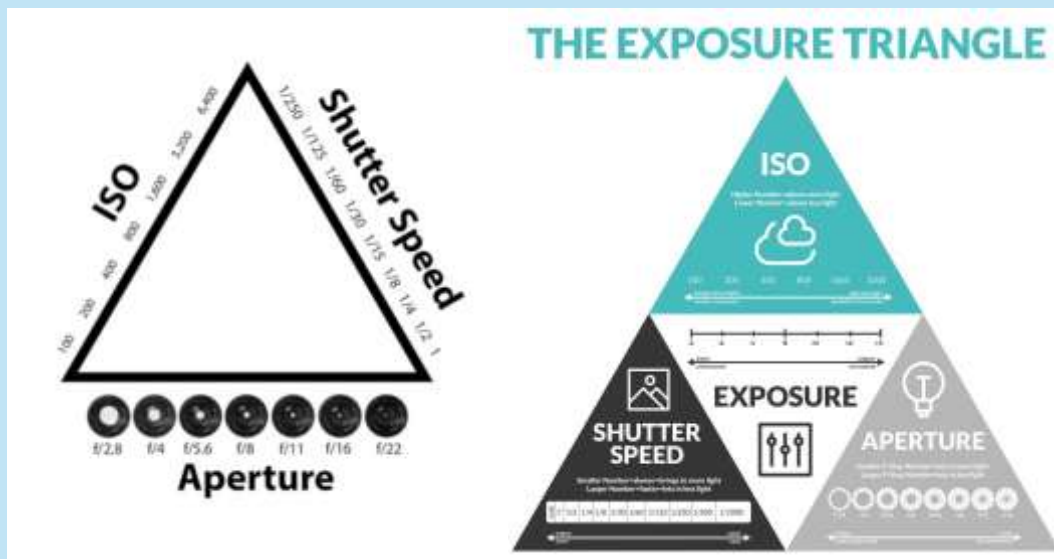
Shutter Speed values: 1/1000, 1/500, 1/250, 1/125, 1/60, 1/30, 1/15, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2

**ISO**

Low sensitivity to light: darker  
High sensitivity to light: brighter

ISO values: 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600, 3200, 6400, 12800, 25600

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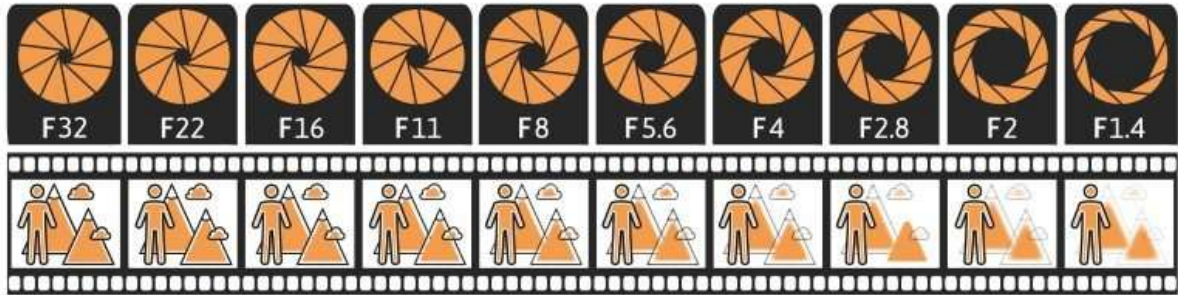
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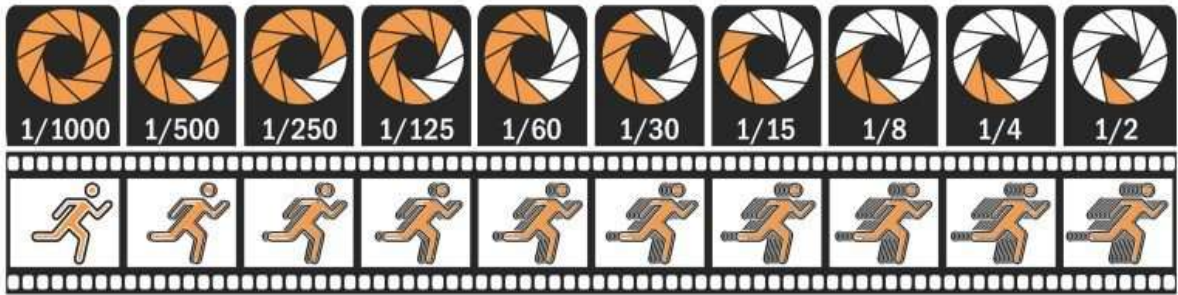
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### APERTURE



### SHUTTER SPEED



### ISO



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Weather condition	Clear & sunny	Slightly overcast	Overcast	Heavy overcast	Sunset
Shadow details	Distinct	Soft around edges	Barely	No shadows	No shadows
Aperture	f/16	f/11	f/8	f/5.6	f/4
Shutter speed At ISO 100	1/100	1/200	1/400	1/800	1/1600
Shutter speed At ISO 200	1/200	1/400	1/800	1/1600	1/3200
Shutter speed At ISO 400	1/400	1/800	1/1600	1/3200	1/6400

## ISO 400

1/250



f 11



f 8



f 5.6



f 4

1/30



f 4



f 2.8



f 2



f 1.4