

Gobo Light Filter

The *Gobo Light Filter* is a filter placed in front of a light source that tints or blocks the emitted light. Gobo light filters can be applied on spot lights or area lights.

Creating and Applying a Gobo Light Filter

To create a new filter and apply it to a light source:

- Select the light source.
- In the *Attribute Editor*, under the *3Delight* section, click *Add Light Filter...*
- Choose the light filter type to create.

A new light filter is created and placed as a child of the light source. It is automatically applied to the light source.

Light filters can also be created from the *Hypershade*. They are listed under the *3Delight Light Filters* section.

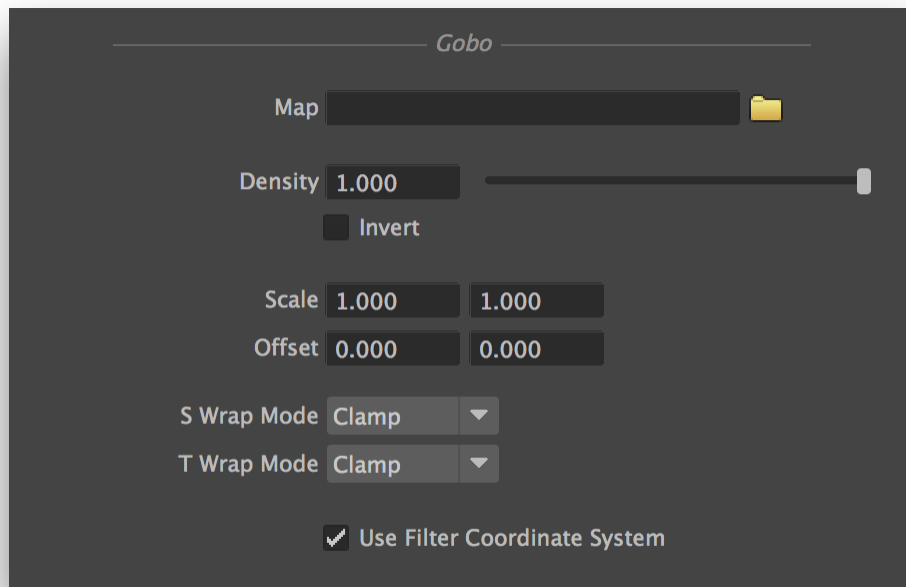
To apply an existing light filter on a light source, select that light source. In the *Attribute Editor*, choose the desired light filter in the filter list of the *3Delight* section.

Positioning a Gobo Light Filter

Placing a gobo light filter as a child of a light will make the filter always follow the light source. This is the default when the filter is created using the *Add Filter...* button in a light source.

To position the gobo light filter independently from the light source, unparent it from the light source and turn on the *Use Filter Coordinate System* attribute of the filter. The gobo light filter can now be positioned by editing its transform.

Controlling a Gobo Light Filter



The Gobo light filter attributes.

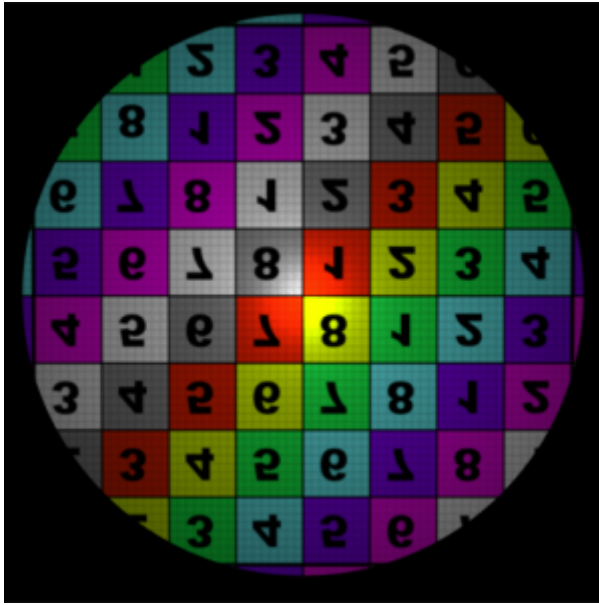
Gobo Light Filter Controls

Map

An image file that is used as a filter. The image should have been processed beforehand by *tdlmake*.

Density

A map opacity multiplier. A *density* of 0 makes the map completely transparent.



Density = 1.0



Density = 0.4

Invert

Turning this parameter on will invert the map colors.

Use Filter Coordinate System

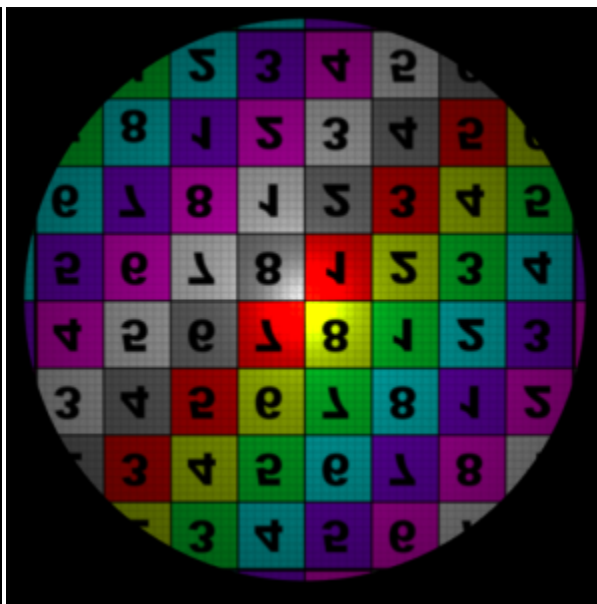
Defines if the translation, rotation and scale specified in the *Object Parameters* will be applied to the filter. When this parameter is disabled, the light transform is used for the filter. Note that if the filter is set as a child of the light, then the light transform will always affect the filter. To dissociate the light transform from the filter transform and use only the later, please refer to Positioning a Gobo Light Filter above.

Scale

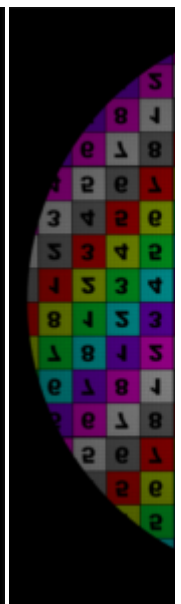
The scale factors applied to the range of S and T values covered by the filter, respectively. Values between 0 and 1 will appear to enlarge the map since the whole filter will cover a smaller portion of the usual texture coordinate area (from 0 to 1).



Scale = 0.3



Scale = 1.0

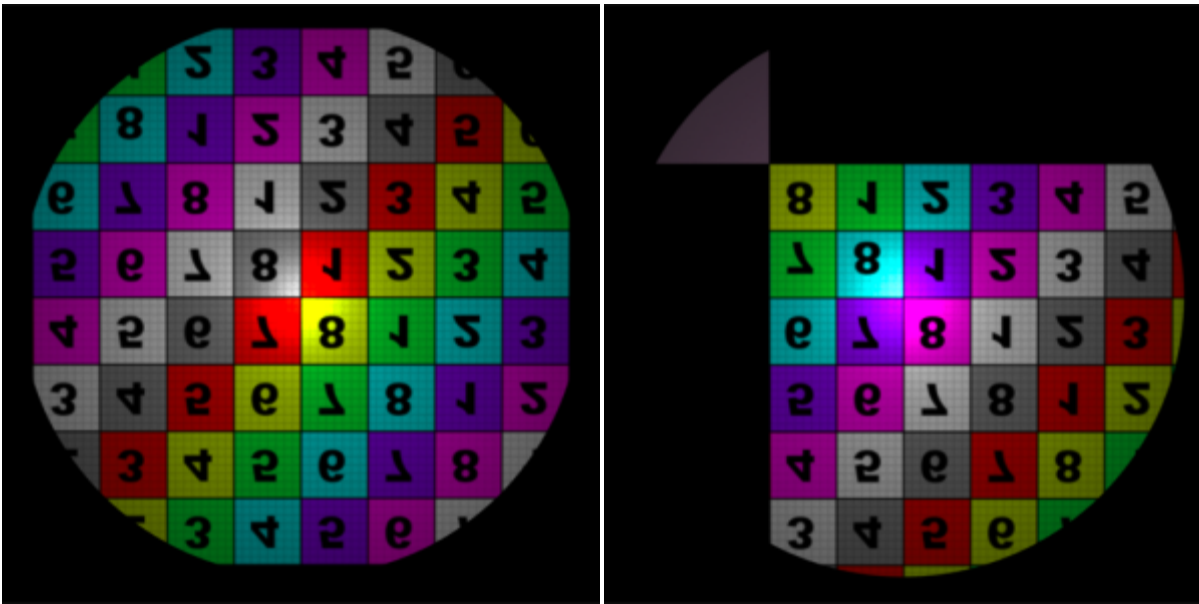


Scale = 2.0.

The wrap modes were set to 'periodic' for the scale illustrations.

Offset

Specify S and T offset values applied on the map, respectively.



No offset

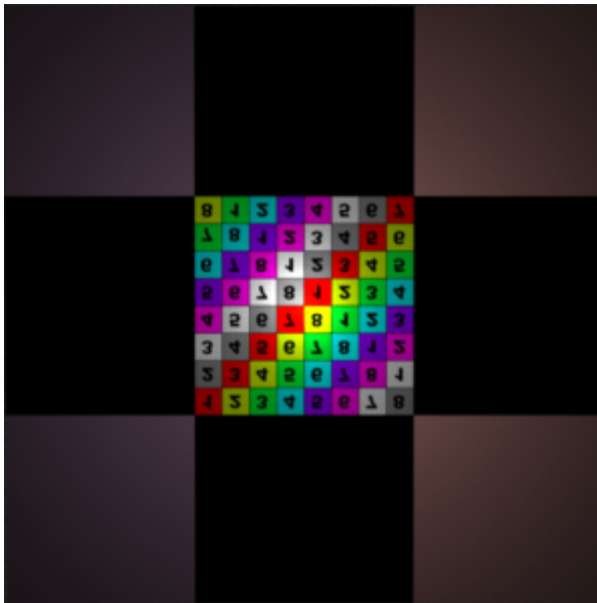
Offsets of (0.25, -0.25)

The wrap modes were set to 'clamp' for the Offset illustrations.

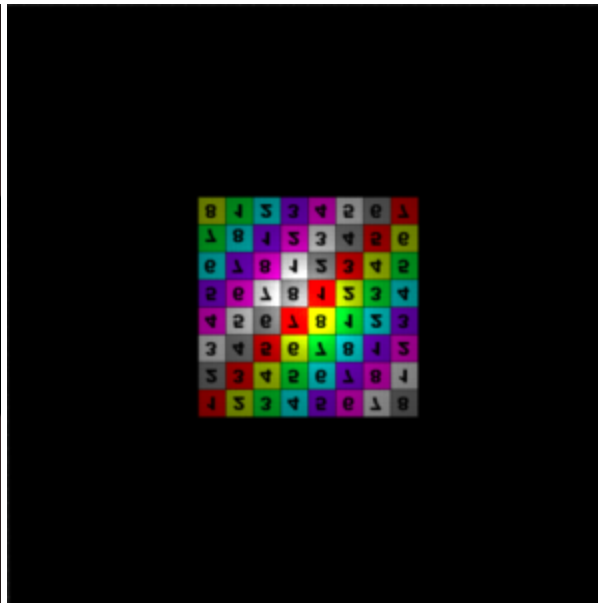
S Wrap Mode
T Wrap Mode

Control how the area outside the filter coverage will appear. The available options are:

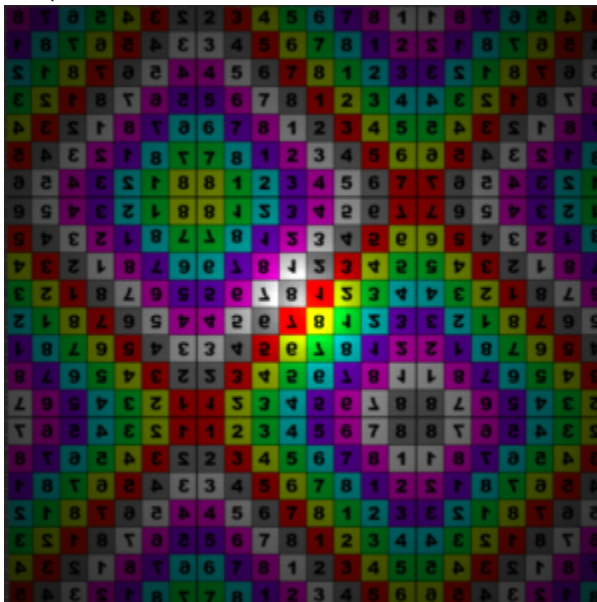
clamp	Coordinates below 0 are set to 0, and coordinates above 1 are set to 1. This will effectively repeat the map's border pixel.
black	Coordinates below 0 and above 1 are mapped to a black color.
mirror	The area outside the 0 to 1 range use coordinates that are repeated in a mirror fashion - from 0 to 1, then 1 to 0, and so on.
periodic	The area outside the 0 to 1 range use values from 0 to 1 repeated over again.



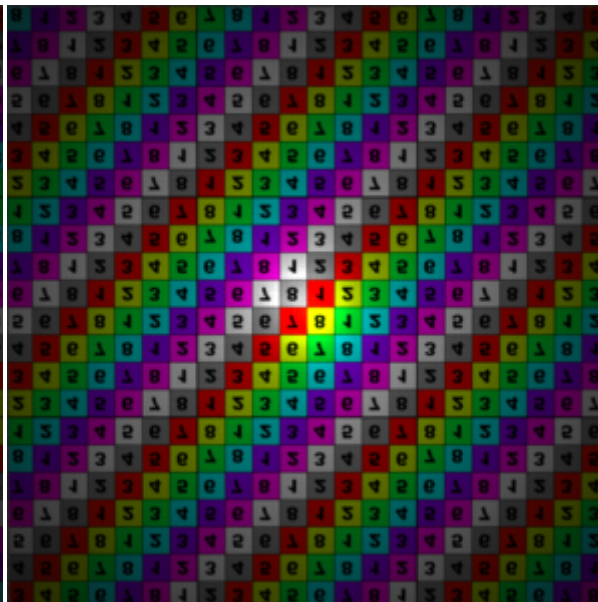
Clamp



Black



Mirror



Periodic

Note that the corner pixels of the map are not black, hence the checkerboard pattern on the Clamp image.