



GOBO

! Gobo: steel or glass plate perforated with a pattern or image used in a lighting fixture

A gobo is designed to fit into a holder that is inserted into the body of a lighting instrument. The light shines through the gobo and projects the image onto a surface. Gobos can have patterns, used to add breakup or texture to a surface, or can be customized with logos, message points, or themed imagery.

Steel Gobos vs. Glass Gobos

Steel gobos will display whatever color of light is broadcast through them. Glass gobos can be created in custom colors and are typically more expensive. Another difference between a steel gobo and a glass gobo is durability and "bridging" in the design (see below). Where bridging can be insignificant in a standard pattern, it can be a problem when accurately representing a company's logo. In that case, a glass gobo may be a better choice, not only to eliminate bridging, but also for durability and to allow for a more exact color match.

Ordering a Custom Gobo

Vector artwork or high-resolution bitmap artwork is preferred when designing a gobo. Depending on the complexity of the design, it takes about three business days to receive a custom steel gobo and five to seven business days for a glass gobo.

