

PathOffset Pro

INSTALL GUIDE

This guide covers the installation procedure for PathOffset Pro (CEP extension). The tool is distributed as a ZXP file and integrated into After Effects using a dedicated installer.

01 / REQUIREMENTS

What You Need

Before installing, please prepare the following:

OS	Windows 10 / 11
After Effects	2022 (v22) or later
ZXP Installer	Free installer provided by aescripts
Distribution File	PathOffsetPro.zxp
Element 3D	(Optional) Video Copilot Element 3D V2 or later recommended

→ About the Beta (Important)

PathOffset Pro is currently in **Beta**. All core functions work, but **complex intersections and CJK characters (Japanese / Chinese / Korean)** may produce unexpected results. Boolean operations are currently **Union only**.

Buyers receive **all future updates including the full release for free**.

→ About macOS

Currently **Windows only**. macOS support is on the roadmap.

02 / DOWNLOAD

Get ZXP Installer

To install After Effects extensions (.zxp) properly, we recommend using the official ZXP Installer provided by aescripts. Adobe's Extension Manager has been discontinued since 2017 and no longer supports current versions of After Effects.

STEP 01 Visit the official site

Go to <https://aescripts.com/learn/post/zxp-installer/> and click the "Download ZXP Installer" button for Windows.

STEP 02 Run the installer

Execute the downloaded .exe and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

STEP 03 Launch ZXP Installer

You're ready to go once you can launch ZXP Installer from the Start menu.

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Install PathOffset Pro

STEP 01 Quit After Effects

If After Effects is running, please quit it first. Installing while AE is open may prevent the extension from being recognized.

STEP 02 Drag & drop the ZXP file

Launch ZXP Installer and drag the PathOffsetPro.zxp file into the window.

STEP 03 Run the installation

Click the "Install" button when it appears. Success is indicated by a completion message.

STEP 04 Launch After Effects

Open After Effects and select "Window > Extensions > PathOffset Pro" from the menu to display the panel.

License Activation

PathOffset Pro starts in trial mode after installation. To unlock all features, purchase a license on Polar.sh and activate it.

STEP 01 Get your license key

Complete the purchase at

https://buy.polar.sh/polar_cl_ibcQpPGw6NJHzy2hz8cz0RdBxqdYTQ7Aker5c1pTqXI. The license key will be sent to your registered email address.

STEP 02 Open PathOffset Pro panel

In After Effects, open the PathOffset Pro panel and click the "?" button in the upper right to display the license management screen.

STEP 03 Enter your license key

Paste the received license key into the input field and click "Activate".

STEP 04 Activation complete

All features are unlocked once activation is successful.

→ Trial Limitations

The trial has the following limitations:

- Outer/Inner Offset: max **3px**, up to **15 runs**
- Outer/Inner Outline, Union, Auto Union: locked
- Text Layer to Mask: unlimited

Troubleshooting

→ Panel doesn't appear after installation

Try quitting After Effects completely and restarting. If it still doesn't appear, try reinstalling with ZXP Installer.

→ **"Extension cannot be loaded" appears**

Check that AE Preferences > Scripting & Expressions > "Allow Scripts to Write Files and Access Network" is enabled.

→ **License activation fails**

Check your internet connection. Access to Polar.sh is required. Firewall or VPN settings may be the cause.

→ **License key shows as "invalid"**

Make sure there are no extra spaces at the beginning or end of the key. Copying directly from the email is most reliable.

06 / SUPPORT

Support & Contact

For questions or support, please reach out via the following channels:

Support	takecinema.support@gmail.com
Website	https://takecinema.com/products/pathoffsetpro/
Video tutorial	https://youtu.be/m8k4fkXjlac
X (Twitter)	https://x.com/Takecinema
Purchase	https://buy.polar.sh/polar_cl_ibcQpPGw6NjHzy2hz8cz0RdBxqdYTQ7Aker5c1pTqXI
License portal	https://polar.sh/takecinema/portal

Thank you for your purchase. May PathOffset Pro accelerate your work.