

LightWave 10 FAQ

When is LightWave 10 expected to ship?

LightWave 10 is scheduled to ship in Q4 2010.

What is LightWave 10?

All new LightWave, incorporating next generation CORE technologies with enhanced Modeler and Layout, includes interactive display and rendering tools, data interchange enhancements, new immersive real-time and game tools, Bullet rigid body dynamics, and new UV mapping tools.

What are the highlights of LightWave 10?

Interactive Display and Rendering Tools

Viewport Preview Rendering (VPR) that provide instant results with realistic view of scenes and objects with interactive light, nodal shading and scene set up. CG hardware real-time viewport shading that provide real-time OpenGL view of Ambient Occlusion, Bloom, Stereoscopic Anaglyph and HDRI background images. New linear workflow that supports consistent gamma, color space, and custom Look Up Tables (LUTs) for more realistic lighting, and to maximize compositing flexibility in a 3D pipeline.

Flexible Data Interchange Enhancements

New MDD enhancements include support for Autodesk® Geometry Cache that provide the freedom to move deformations and transforms between applications for an extremely flexible, extensible pipeline for animation, dynamics, effects, and rendering. Additional support includes COLLADA™, FBX®, and ZBrush® interchange which lets artists transfer, load and save camera data, lighting, objects, UV and image maps, plus parenting hierarchies and more

New Immersive, Real-Time and Game Tools

Integration with InterSense VCam, virtual camera system provides virtual production capabilities allowing real-time interaction with 3D scenes. Integration with 3Dconnexion line of 3D mice that let you move through the virtual world and interact with models and scenes, controlling cameras and lights in real time.

Bullet Rigid Body Dynamics

New integrated dynamics and simulations allow you to create dynamics, calculations and simulations for effects such as collapsing buildings, breaking glass and more.

Advanced UV Mapping Tool:

Enhanced LightWave 10 workflow delivers powerful new UV tools such as Transform, Scale Rotate, Move, Separate, Stitch, Relax, UV Unwrap, Front, Cubic, Spherical and Cylindrical projections, plus cameras with both UVs and an automated texture node.

Will I have to learn everything all over again to use LightWave 10?

No, LightWave 10 is based upon the familiar workflow you already know in LightWave. LightWave CORE and enhancements in Layout and Modeler offer new features and benefits that you will want to learn but the workflow is the same.

What will LightWave 10 cost?

When LightWave 10 ships in Q4 it will retail for \$1495. LightWave upgrades will retail for \$695.

Are there any special sales offers?

Yes, a full version of LightWave is available \$895 and includes an upgrade to LightWave 10 and membership in LightWave HardCORE. This saves you \$600 on your initial purchase of LightWave 10. LightWave upgrades are available for \$495 which includes LightWave 10 and membership in LightWave HardCORE and saves you \$200 on your upgrade to LightWave 10. Purchase must be made before LightWave 10 ships.

I am a LightWave v9 owner is there an option for me?

Yes, you may join HardCORE for \$495. You will get LightWave 10 when it ships, and all of the other benefits of being a LightWave HardCORE member, including preview builds of LightWave 10, access to the private HardCORE forums and a fixed price of \$495 for the next five LightWave upgrades.

What is LightWave HardCORE?

LightWave HardCORE is a special membership program. HardCORE members have access to preview builds of LightWave 10, a private discussion forum for communication between members and NewTek development management plus invitations to private events.

What are the benefits to buying now and becoming a LightWave HardCORE member?

- You save several hundred dollars on your initial investment
- You can begin working with LightWave 10 software immediately
- Your upgrade price will remain fixed for the next five LightWave upgrades at \$495. If you stay current and buy each of the next five upgrades (starting with the release following LightWave 10) you will pay \$495 for each upgrade rather than the existing retail price at the time (currently \$695)
- You will have access to preview builds of LightWave as long as you are a member
- You have access to a private discussion forum with other LightWave HardCORE members and NewTek 3D development management where you will get LightWave information first
- You are a member of an exclusive club with invitations to private NewTek events and other access to other opportunities

Will LightWave HardCORE continue?

Yes, however new memberships to LightWave HardCORE will not be granted after LightWave 10 ships. This exclusive membership is only available to people who are members at the time LightWave 10 ships in Q4 2010.

How do I continue to remain an active member in LightWave HardCORE?

Stay current with your software licenses. Buy each new upgrade as they become available (within a grace period TBD) and your membership in HardCORE will remain active.

I am a LightWave HardCORE member, do I have to pay for LightWave 10?

No, your LightWave HardCORE membership includes LightWave 10.

I am a HardCORE member, my membership to LightWave HardCORE will expire when LightWave 10 ships, do I have to renew immediately to stay in HardCORE?

No, you do not. As a current HardCORE member, your membership will extend and remain active until the next shipping version of LightWave is available.

Will LightWave HardCORE members continue to get new software builds after LightWave 10 ships?

Yes, HardCORE members will continue to receive preview software builds (two to three per year).

I already own LightWave v9, how do I get early access to LightWave 10?

You may purchase a membership to LightWave HardCORE which includes the upgrade to LightWave 10 for \$495.

What is a LightWave HardCORE Charter Member?

A LightWave HardCORE Charter Member is any LightWave v9 owner who bought a LightWave HardCORE membership on or before March 31, 2009.

What do I get if I am a LightWave HardCORE Charter Member?

Your original price to join HardCORE was \$395. Your upgrade price will remain fixed for the next five upgrades at \$395. If you stay current and buy each of the next five upgrades (following LightWave 10) you will pay \$395 for each upgrade rather than the existing retail price at the time (currently \$695).

How do I know if I am a Charter Member?

Check the date on your HardCORE membership purchase receipt, if the purchase date is March 31, 2009 or before, you are a Charter Member.

What happens if I am a LightWave HardCORE member and I skip buying an upgrade?

Your next upgrade price reverts to whatever is current at the time (\$695 right now) and your membership in HardCORE is closed.

What happened to LightWave CORE?

LightWave CORE technology is part of LightWave 10. LightWave CORE integrates with enhanced Modeler and Layout.