Optical Flares Installation - Windows

<u>Step One:</u>

- Login to your Video Copilot account https://www.videocopilot.net/account/

- Once logged-in to your account, click on the "Downloads" tab.

- Find the Optical Flares product and click on the download button.

- Download the correct Windows version for your version of After Effects (32bit or 64bit). *If you're using After Effects CS5 or later, use the 64bit version. If using AE7 through CS4, you'll need the 32bit version.*

- Once the download is complete, extract the "opticalflares_64-bit_win.1.3.3" folder to an area such as your Desktop. The extracted folder will be named **Optical Flares.**
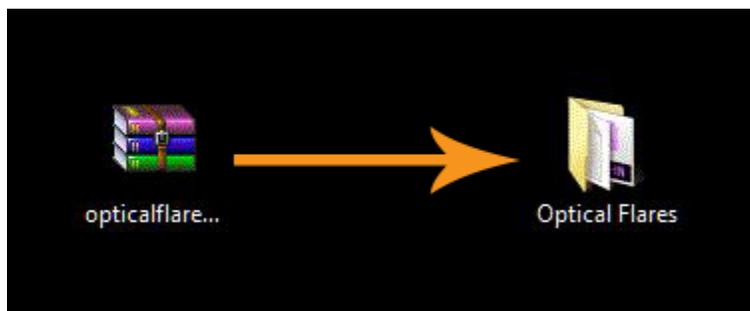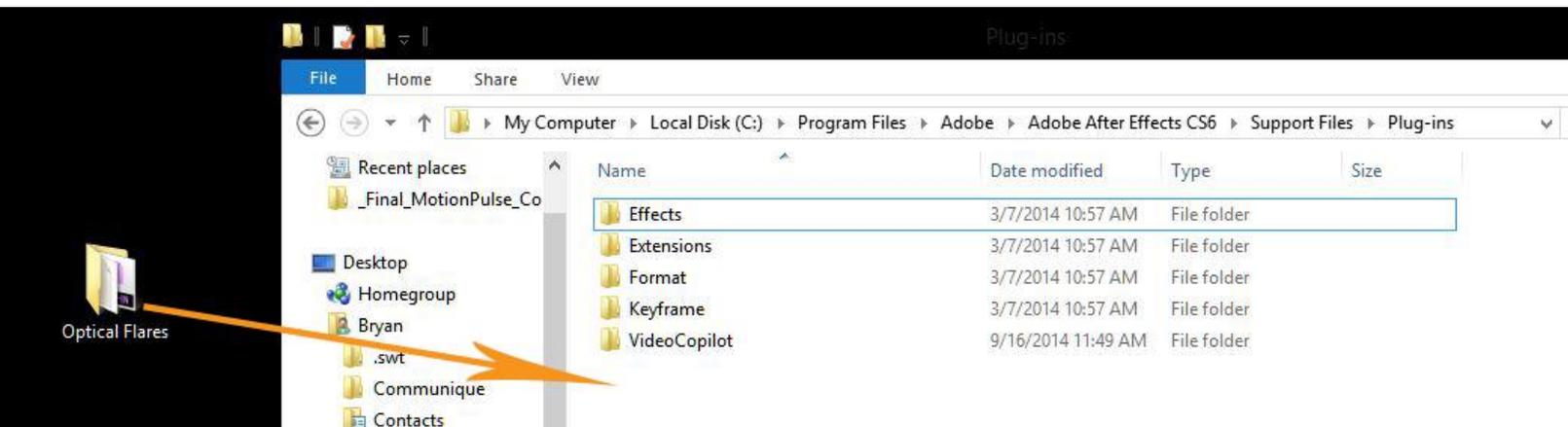
Step Two:

- Drag the entire *Optical Flares* folder into your Adobe After Effects Plug-ins folder.
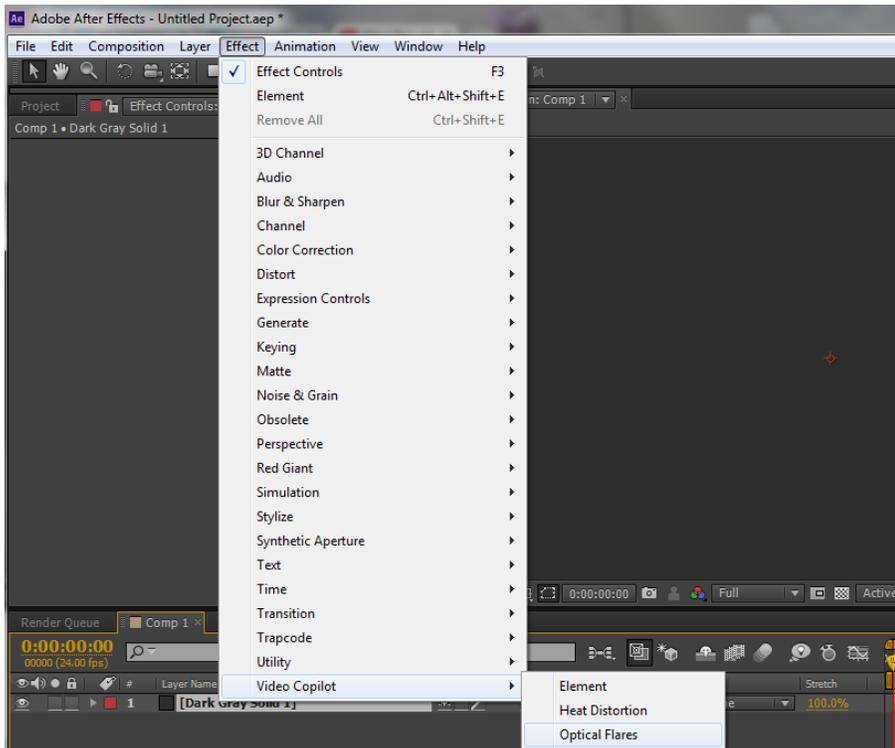
  Here is an example path:

  C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe After Effects CS6\Support Files\Plug-ins

  Install into the version of After Effects that you have if not CS6, as shown in example below
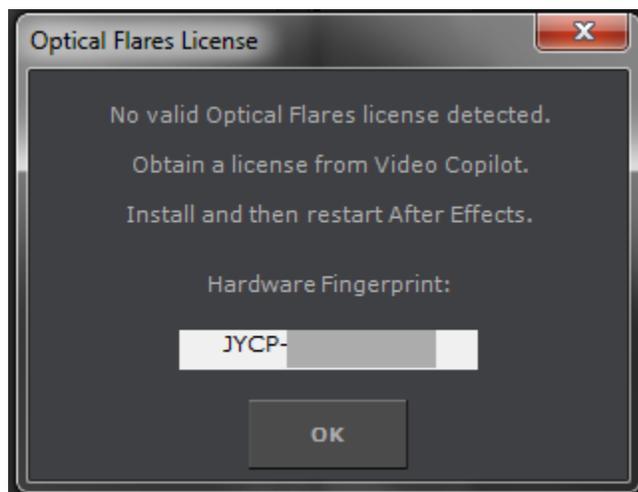
Step Three:

- Open Adobe After Effects, create a new composition, create a new solid, and then apply Optical Flares to the solid. See screenshot below for how to open Optical Flares.

- Once it opens, copy or write down the HW-ID Fingerprint that is displayed (example below).

Step Four:

- Log back into your Video Copilot download account. Click on the Optical Flares download button to get to the page where you downloaded the plug-in during Step One. The license generator will be on that page.

- Enter in your HW-ID Fingerprint exactly as it's shown. Sometimes "5's" can be confused with "S's" and "1's" for "I's" which can cause an invalid HWID error. **Then click SUBMIT**. Your license file will be downloaded to your computer.

Step Five:

- Open the **Optical Flares** folder that you put inside of your AE Plug-ins folder.

- Then drag the Optical Flares license file "**OpticalFlaresLicense.lic**" *directly* into the **Optical Flares** folder.

  Make sure you drag the OpticalFlaresLicense.lic file directly into the "Optical Flares" folder and not the "AE Plug-ins" folder

  Optical Flares folder path:
  C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe After Effects CS6\Support Files\Plug-ins\Optical Flares

  Install into the version of After Effects that you have if not CS6, as shown in example below
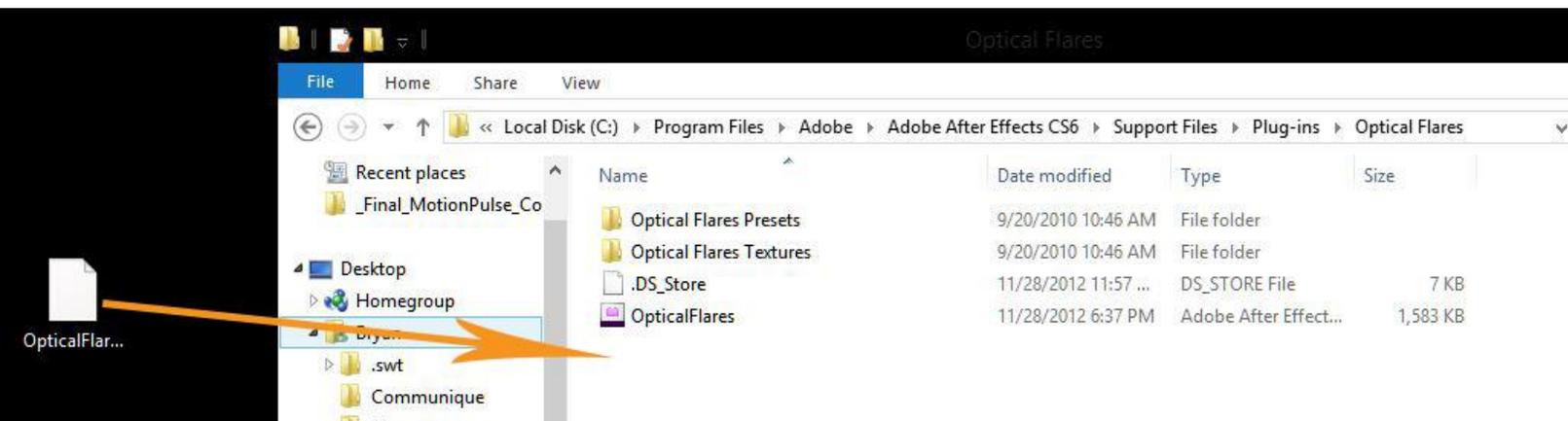
You have successfully installed Optical Flares!