

# Optical Flares Installation - Mac

## Step One:

- 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 MAC 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.***

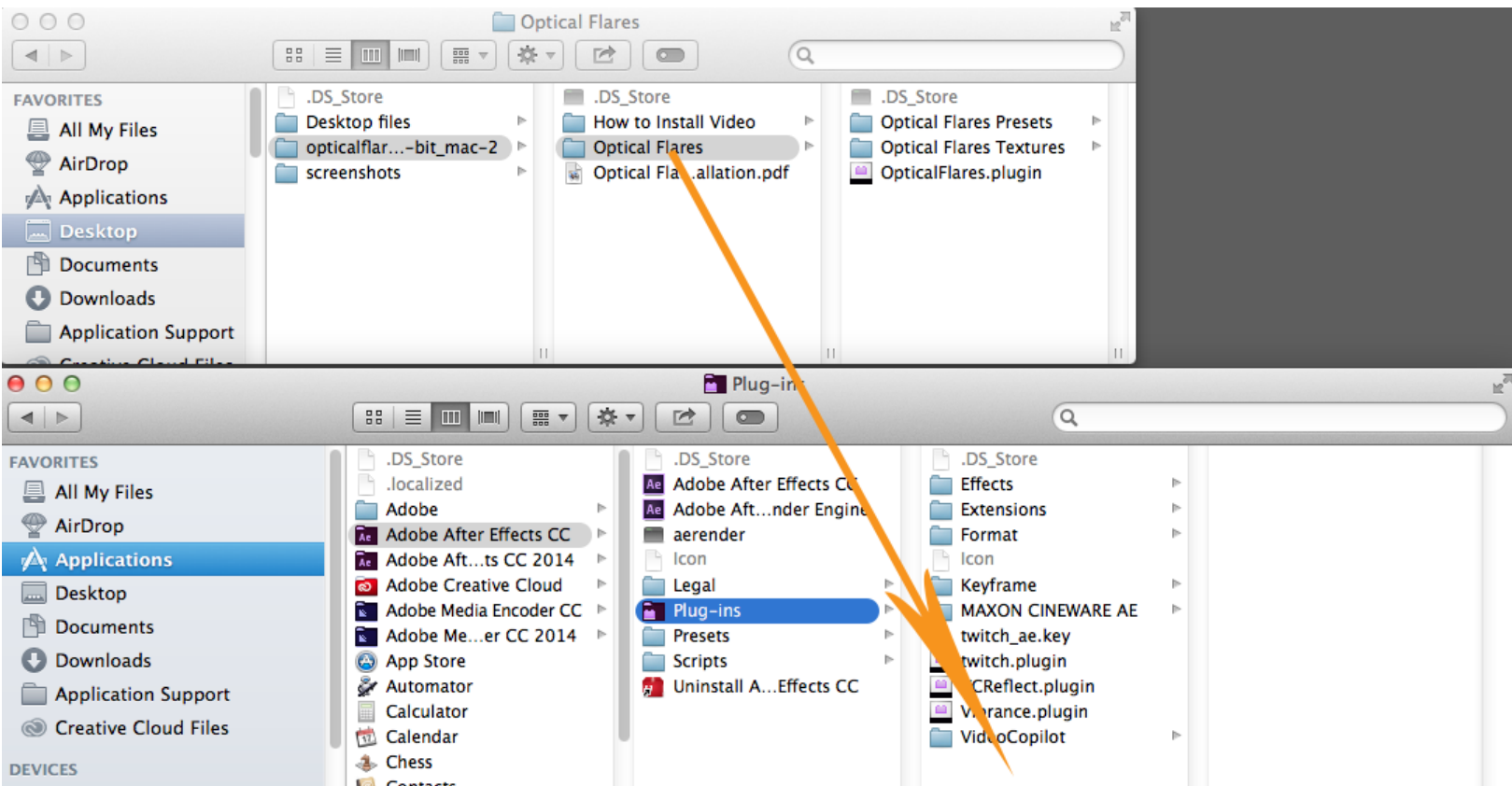
## Step Two:

- Drag the entire **Optical Flares** folder into your Adobe After Effects Plug-ins folder.

Here is an example path:

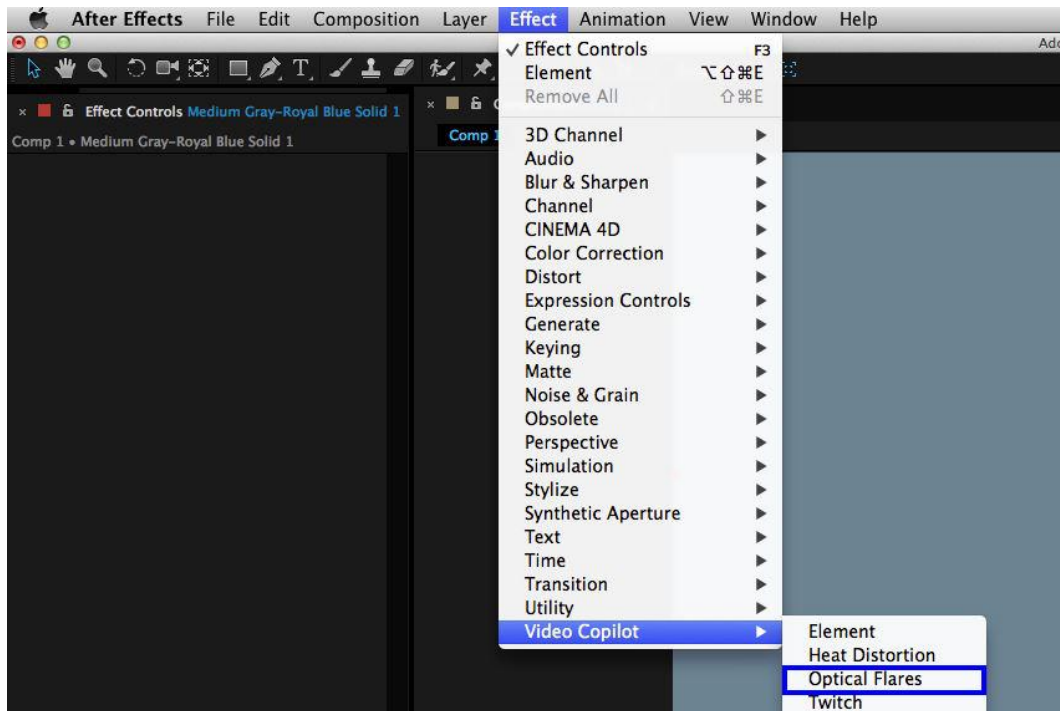
*Applications\Adobe After Effects CC\Plug-ins\Optical Flares\Optical Flares*

**\*\*\*Install into the version of After Effects that you have if not CC, as shown in example below\*\*\***

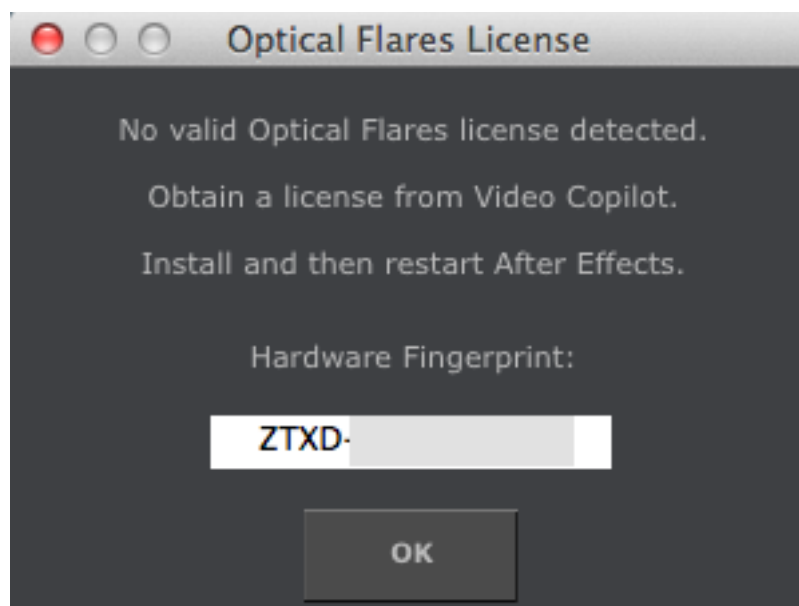


## Step Three:

- 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 inside of After Effects.*



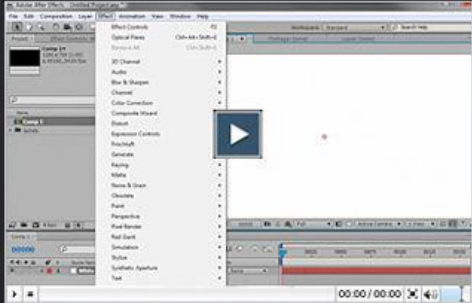
- Once it opens, copy or write down the HW-ID Fingerprint that is displayed (example below).



## 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 "l's" which can cause an invalid HWID error. **Then click SUBMIT**. Your license file will be downloaded to your computer.

**Please Watch Installation Video First**



**Download Instructions:** Click on the links to the right and download to your computer. Be sure that the resulting download is the same size as shown before unzipping.

[View written installation instructions](#)

**PRESET NETWORK INFORMATION:**  
Upload and share presets for Optical Flares!

Log-in At: <https://www.videocopilot.net/prenet> (Like skynet but MORE robots!)

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AE CS5, CS5.5, CS6, CC (64-bit plug-in)

**Optical Flares 1.3.3 for Windows 64-bit**

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**Optical Flares 1.3.3 for Mac 64-bit**

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**Optical Flares License**

**Generate your Optical Flares license**

HW ID:   
(xxxx-xxxx-xxxx) **SUBMIT**

**Where can I find my ID?**  
Please watch the installation video.

**Plug-in License**

The product may be installed on 1 workstation and 1 personal system such as a laptop or home computer. This applies only if the systems are used by the same person and not multiple users. Please read our [License Agreement](#) for more information.

## Step Five:

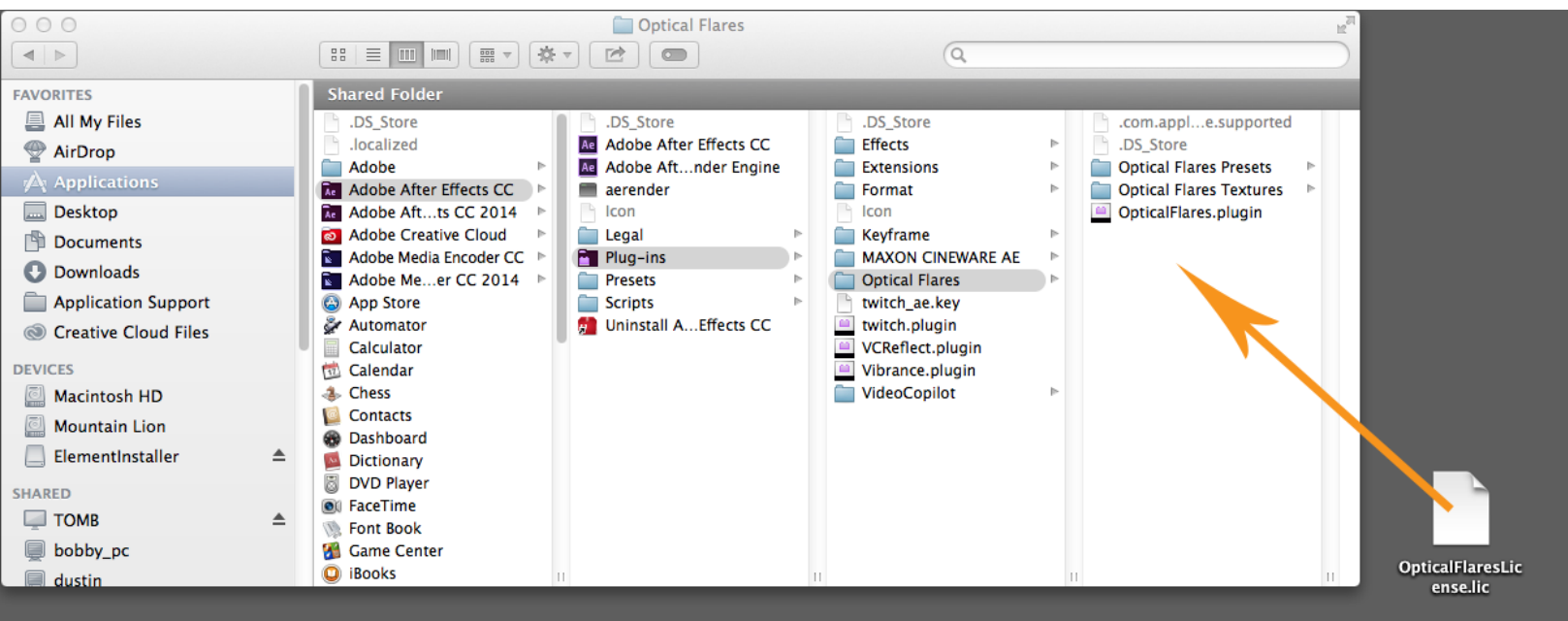
- Open the **Optical Flares** folder that you put inside of your AE Plug-ins folder.
- Then drag the Optical Flares license file "**OpticalFlaresLicense.lic**" *directly* into the **Optical Flares** folder.

\*\*\*Make sure you drag the **OpticalFlaresLicense.lic** file **directly** into the "Optical Flares" folder that should be in the AE Plug-ins folder and NOT directly into the AE Plug-ins folder\*\*\*

Optical Flares folder path:

**Applications\Adobe After Effects CC\Plug-ins\Optical Flares\Optical Flares**

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You have successfully installed Optical Flares!

