

***FRESH AERO EasyBrow  
Plug-In LED Eyebrow Light System  
For Grumman AA-1 & AA-5 Series  
Aircraft***



***User Manual***



*Where Imagination Meets Innovation*

# **Fresh Aero FlightLights EasyBrow Plug-In Eyebrow LED Light System For Grumman AA-1 & 5 Series Aircraft**

Thank you for purchasing the **Fresh Aero EasyBrow Plug-in Eyebrow LED Light System for Grumman AA-1 & 5 Series Aircraft**. We're confident you will be pleased with this latest innovation in Grumman aircraft instrument panel lighting.

If you fly your Grumman AA series aircraft at night, you know that the original instrument panel lighting leaves a lot to be desired. The EasyBrow eyebrow light is the perfect solution!

The EasyBrow LED Light System consists of a 31 inch, 48 LED light bar only 2 mm thick. The EasyBrow uses the same plug-in bayonet connector we use on our Easy Light overhead lighting unit and it plugs into a incandescent light socket in the Grumman panel eyebrow. The entire unit weighs less than 1 ounce (1.5 oz's with cover).

## **Innovative Features Include .....**

- State of the art LED solid state lighting in red, green & blue
- Illuminates entire instrument panel with bright and clean light. No halos, hot spots or weak spots – just beautiful even light. The EasyBrow accentuates the needles and indices on the gauges and makes reading the instruments a joy!
- Very long life cycle. LEDs , when used correctly, have a life span of at least 50,000 hours!
- Many times brighter than the original Grumman panel lighting and about 1/10 the power consumption
- Unlike the original eyebrow panel lights, the EasyBrow lights run extremely cool with no heat build-up.
- All components have a UL flame retardant rating of at least HB 94
- They are fully controllable using the existing panel rheostat -- from dim to full bright.
- Simple installation. Just remove an existing eyebrow incandescent bulb, mount the light strip on the lower eye brow panel with the attached 3M tape and plug in the adaptor into a bulb socket .
- These lights bath your panel in beautiful light and will not diminish night vision
- Vibration proof design. Aircraft vibration will not be a factor
- Available for both 12 and 24 volt Grumman aircraft

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## Study and save this manual



**Read this entire manual before using the Fresh Aero EasyBrow Light System. Make sure you understand the instructions and safety precautions in this manual. Keep this manual and your invoice in a safe place for future reference.**

## Fresh Aero EasyBrow Light General Safety Warnings and Precautions

**Warning: always adhere to the following safety precautions when using this product**

- Do not alter or modify the EasyBrow Light in any way.
- Do not tamper with internal components. These lights use internal components that match the specific LED light configuration. There are no user replacement parts.
- Handle lights carefully. Do not drop. LEDs are static sensitive so be sure to use proper grounding procedures when handling these lights.
- When installing the EasyBrow Light, locate the aircraft on a level surface and chock aircraft tires to prevent movement.
- The EasyBrow light is designed for Grumman AA-1 & 5 series aircraft with 12 volt or 24 volt electrical systems. Do not modify or use in other aircraft. Do not use the 12 volt configuration on 24 volt Grumman aircraft. Contact Fresh Aero for correct configuration or for modified units for other applications.
- Never use the EasyBrow light or any other single cockpit/cabin/panel light as the only lighting source when flying at night. As with other aircraft systems, always have redundant lighting available for safe night operations.

**Warning: The warnings, precautions and instructions discussed in this manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors that cannot be built into the EasyBrow light and must be supplied by the person or persons using this product.**

If you have questions regarding the installation or operation of the EasyBrow Light System, or just need another manual, please call or write Fresh Aero at the at the contact numbers or e-mail address at the bottom of the next page. Manuals are also available on our web site in PDF format at [www.freshaero.com](http://www.freshaero.com).

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### **3 year Limited Warranty**

Fresh Aero Aviation makes every effort to provide high quality and durable products to the aviation community and warrants to the original purchaser that this product is free from defects in materials and workmanship for the period of 3 years from the date of purchase. This warranty does not apply to damage due directly or indirectly to misuse, abuse, negligence or accidents; repairs or alterations outside our facilities; or to lack of maintenance. We shall in no event be liable for death, injuries to persons or property or for incidental, contingent, special or consequential damages arising from the use of our product. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitation of exclusion may not apply to you.

To take advantage of this warranty, the product or part must be returned to us with transportation charges prepaid. Proof of purchase date and an explanation defect or problem must be included with the product. If inspection verifies the defect, we will either repair or replace the product at our discretion or may elect to refund the purchase price if we cannot readily and quickly provide you with a replacement. We will return the repaired or replaced product at our expense, but if we determine there is no defect, or that the defect resulted from causes not within the scope of our warranty, then the purchaser must bear the cost of returning the product.

This warranty gives you specific rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

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## Installation Photos



Photo 1 – EasyBrow Light mounted on the lower eyebrow

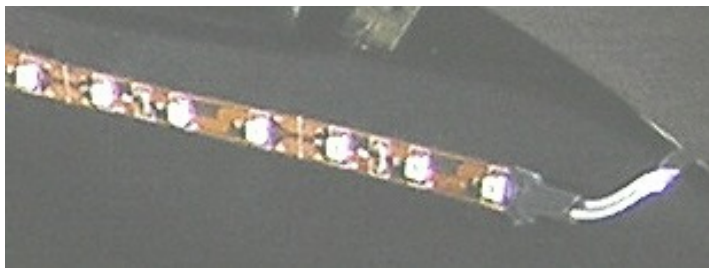


Photo 2 – Close-up of wires passing to inside of lower eyebrow panel

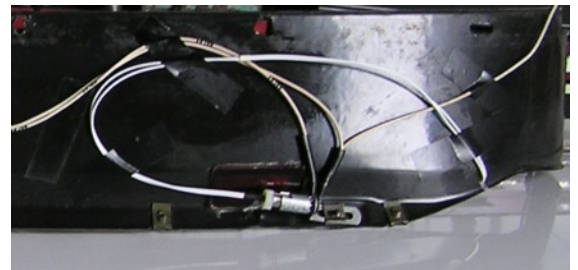


Photo 3 – EasyBrow wires looped & plugged into existing light socket inside lower panel

## Installing the Fresh Aero EasyBrow Eyebrow Lighting System

Read and understand all the proceeding safety precautions and warnings before installing the EasyBrow Light System.



**FAA Approval Information:** If you install the EasyBrow Light in your aircraft, you may need at least a FAA field approval to be completely legal and airworthy. Please see the last page for more information.

- Locate aircraft on a level surface and chock aircraft tires to prevent movement.
- Remove the top of the eyebrow glare shield.

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## Installing the Fresh Aero EasyBrow Eyebrow Lighting System – continued .....

- The EasyBrow uses one of the incandescent bulb sockets in the eye brow. If you want the redundancy, you can leave the other two original bulbs in place. Choose the a socket for the EasyBrow Light and remove this bulb. Then remove the screws that hold the light sockets on the lower glare shield.
- Remove the lower glare shield (leave the wiring harness in place).
- Place the lower glare shield on a flat surface with the exterior facing up and clean surface plane where the red lenses are located thoroughly with a non-oil based cleaner like “Fantastic”, “409” or denatured alcohol.

### **Note: Use proper “static sensitive” grounding procedures when handling LEDs**

**Another Long Note:** If you purchased the EasyBrow Light with the integrated with the EasyFuel Light and/or dimmer, include the following instructions to the EasyBrow installation instructions below. If not, just disregard the inapplicable paragraphs.

Decide where you want to locate the dimmer in the lower glare shield (we recommend a location on the left side. The dimmer should be between the EasyBrow Light and the panel.

Drill a 3/8 inch hole at your dimmer location on the lower eye brow panel. Use this hole to mount the dimmer control when mounting the EasyBrow Light. Just remove the control knob, washer & nut and mount the dimmer shaft in this hole with the included O rings, washer and nut.

The O rings are used to “space” the dimmer for a flush nut mounting and also to provide a “friction fit” to prevent dimmer movement. The O rings are mounted on the dimmer shaft first - before mounting. Just use what you need.

Push on the control knob. If the knob turns independently of the dimmer shaft (not likely), apply a drop of general purpose adhesive to the inside of the vinyl knob and “slide & twist” the knob onto the dimmer shaft after the dimmer is mounted to secure the knob.

Fish the EasyFuel wire leads (the long leads with the two contact quick-disconnect) down behind the instrument panel, to the fuel gauges.

Remove the two screws above the fuel gauges and mount the EasyFuel Light using the same screws. Push the EasyFuel Light up against the panel (below the throttle/mixture controls) and tighten the screws. Do not over tighten.

Plug the connector on the EasyFuel Light into the wire lead connector and secure the leads behind the panel using FAA approved procedures. The plugs are polarized and will fit only one way.

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- Place the EasyBrow Light across the glare shield where the red lenses are located (photo 1). The EasyBrow light will mount flat and centered longitudinally on this angled surface. Look for the red dot on the EasyBrow strip – this is the center. When mounting the light, Favor the inboard portion of the angled surface (towards the panel when mounted). Leave the original lens openings mostly clear for the redundant incandescent bulbs.
- Remove the tape backing from EasyBrow strip in small sections – starting at the center and working to the ends and gently press the EasyBrow strip onto the lower glare shield, taking care not to apply direct pressure to the actual LEDs.
- Use an instant bond adhesive like “Super Glue” to bond the shrink wrap tubing at the end of the strip to the glare shield. (This step applies only if you’re mounting the EasyBrow Light without the protective clear covering)
- Cut a small 1/16 wide slot, ¼ inch deep in the lower glare shield about 1 inch past the shrink wrapped end (photo 2). A pair of small tin snips or a thin cut-off wheel on a “Dremel” Tool” will work nicely here. Thread the wires from the EasyBrow Light through this slot to pass the wires to the inside of the lower shield. You want to see a gentle (not too sharp) radius in the wires here.
- Reinstall the lower shield, reinstall light sockets and plug the EasyBrow adaptor into the an empty socket by aligning the “bayonet” lugs on the adaptor with the mating slots in the bulb socket and “push & twist” the adaptor into place. **Important: hold the hex portion of the adaptor to “push and twist”, not the resistor.** This will require very little turning. Confirm that adaptor is locked in socket by gently pulling on adaptor. If adaptor pops out, align and try again.
- Form a loop with the EasyBrow wires and secure the wire neatly with electrical tape (photo 3). Keep wires clear of “speed nuts”, screws or any other metal and do not allow wires to abrade on them.

**Note: Confirm that ground wire is reinstalled correctly. Check for proper tightness and lack of corrosion. This is a good time to spray corrosion retardant like “Corrosion X” on terminals and light sockets. Remember – no ground, no lights)**

- Re-install the top glare shield and all screws

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## **Operating The EasyBrow Light**

Except for a major improvement in the quality of panel light, nothing changes! Just use your panel mounted rheostat to control the brightness of your EasyBrow Light, just as you always have to control your other panel lights. **Note:** The EasyBrow Light LEDs are optimized for maximum brightness at 13.8 volts dc (27.6 volts on the 24 volt Tigers), the standard bus voltage on the Grumman AA-5 Series aircraft with the engine running and alternator charging. The EasyBrow Light will certainly work well with the engine off but the brightness will be slightly less than when the engine is running. Trust us, you won't notice it.

## **A Few Words on FAA Approval**

We consider the EasyBrow and EasyFuel Light Systems to be a major improvement in Grumman cockpit and cabin lighting. Intrinsic safety and easy installation with absolutely no modification to the airframe or electrical system make the EasyBrow Light a superior panel lighting solution for your AA-1 & 5 series aircraft.

But even some minor modifications to certified aircraft need some type of FAA approval to be legally used in the aircraft.

If you install the EasyBrow and/or the EasyFuel Light unit in your aircraft, you may need at least a FAA field approval to be completely legal and airworthy. The FAA people we have talked with consider the installation of this unit a very minor "add-on" that would be approved using the field approval process (337 form). Some district offices consider the EasyBrow and EasyFuel Lights to be just bulb replacements (with an A&P logbook entry) with a power requirement significantly less than the original lighting.

Also, we have included a EasyBrow Technical Specifications Sheet with this manual to help facilitate FAA approvals.

Please talk to your local FAA Flight Standards Office for more information.

To amplify on our warranty, if you are unable to get these lights approved, just return the unit to us at Fresh Aero in the condition it was received (unused) within 6 months for a full refund less shipping.

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