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Subject: A question about lights

Posted by [roszek](#) on Fri, 11 Nov 2011 22:03:50 GMT

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I have been remaking one of my old maps, I had redid the bridge and added some lights but I can't seem to get them to look natural. I also want to add same type lights to a lift I made which is to carry inf across a tib waste ditch thingy.

I would appreciate any suggestions/tips.

I'll include screen shots so you can see what I mean:

As you can see the lights kinda suck

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Posted by [kamuixmod](#) on Fri, 11 Nov 2011 22:20:21 GMT  
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Posted by [roszek](#) on Fri, 11 Nov 2011 22:25:27 GMT  
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kamuixmod wrote on Fri, 11 November 2011 15:20really nice, alos if u mean how to make the

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No the elevator works fine, I just want to add lights to its front and back that ya know; look natural. I just think the lighting effects should/can look better then they do. That's kinda all I'm wondering about.

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**Subject: Re: A question about lights**

Posted by [liquidv2](#) on Sat, 12 Nov 2011 00:38:19 GMT

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i think they're fine

then again i'm not ACK and i can't find something wrong with everything  
the light acts how water coming out of a shower might

i thought this was about light tanks, i thought i could help  
it turns out i cannot

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**Subject: Re: A question about lights**

Posted by [Mauler](#) on Sat, 12 Nov 2011 01:08:05 GMT

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You can try this method to make the lights on your lift.

Create a cone or cylinder. Apply the texture setting as follows,

Vertex Material Tab

Set Ambient,Diffuse,Specular to black and Emissive to whatever color you wish to emit

- Apply Linear Offset with,

UPerSec=0.02

VPerSec=0.03

Shader Tab

- Blend Mode

'Add'

Texture Tab

- Stage 0 Texture

I used Ref\_Dust.tga for this

Apply the texture to your cone and use your desired UV coordinates. Now apply a vertex paint

modifier to your light mesh.

Now select the bottom vertices of your light cone and apply the black vertex paint. This will help blend your edge and make it look like the light is fading out from its light source. Make sure the mesh has '2-Sided' applied under W3D Tab.

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There, once your done it will look like this.

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Posted by [roszek](#) on Sat, 12 Nov 2011 02:58:16 GMT

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Thanks Mauler! That's the exact look I was thinking of for the lighting, I will give it a whirl when I have some free time. Hopefully I can pull of such a brilliant look.

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**Subject: Re: A question about lights**

Posted by [roszek](#) on Sun, 13 Nov 2011 18:46:19 GMT

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It came out much better! Thanks again Mauler.

Some screen shot to compare:

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Posted by [liquidv2](#) on Sun, 13 Nov 2011 19:22:23 GMT  
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that looks sexy  
i'm glad it turned out

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Yes! looks great. Glad to be of assistance

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Subject: Re: A question about lights

Posted by **GEORGE ZIMMER** on Mon, 14 Nov 2011 03:17:24 GMT

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Well ya I know what you mean plus I also have a lot of other things to fix, like I said it's an old map I'm trying to fix up. Tbh this particular map was crap but hopefully I can correct this long ago mistake; didn't feel like making from scratch.

Edit: Ya know, the more I think of it the more I think that redoing the terrain would be easier then messing with all those f'd up verts.

But this has nothing to do with this thread -which is about lighting.

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