While stage lighting advances occur yearly, the art of lighting the audience is often overlooked. In today’s new arena and theater installations, the buildings are making it easier for touring LDs to control the house lights.

The first series of audience blinders to become popular were the Mole Feys. Mole Richardson manufactured these various sized fixtures around the amount of DWE par 36 wide bulbs that the user wanted. They were soon used on tours so touring acts could see their audience on cue. AC/DC incorporated over 100 of these on their last tour.

Almost any bright light illuminating the audience from stage is now just called a “blinder.” Here’s a look at a bunch of fixtures lighting audiences these days.

**Type:** House Wash  
**Lamp Source:** Tungsten scoop bulb  
**Number of Cells:** 1  
**Total Wattage:** 300-1000W  
**Color Temp:** 3200K  
**IP Rating:** None  
**Weight:** 9 lbs.  
**Size:** 16 x 16 x 13.5”  
**MSRP:** $275  
**Comments:** The scoop gives an even wash to any room as a down light.

[altmanlighting.com](http://altmanlighting.com)

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**Type:** Pendant Downlight  
**Lamp Source:** RGBW LED Engine  
**Number of Cells:** One (homogenized)  
**Total Wattage:** 120W  
**Color Temp:** 1,000-10,000K  
**IP Rating:** IP20  
**Weight:** 13.5 lbs.  
**Size:** 7” diameter x 16” high  
**MSRP:** $1,425  
**Comments:** Ability to produce whites with a CRI>90, soft pastels and bold saturates from one fixture.

[chromarq.com](http://chromarq.com)

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**Type:** Downlight  
**Lamp Source:** 5W LEDs (36)  
**Number of Cells:** 36  
**Total Wattage:** 180W  
**Color Temp:** 3200K/RGB/A  
**IP Rating:** ETL  
**Weight:** 12 lbs.  
**Size:** 12 x 8 x 8”  
**MSRP:** $799  
**Comments:** Available in warm white and RGBA. Architectural form factor.

[myelektralite.com](http://myelektralite.com)

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**Type:** Blinder  
**Lamp Source:** 2x 60-watt RGBW LED + RGB “Halo” effect  
**Number of Cells:** 2  
**Total Wattage:** 120W  
**Color Temp:** 6500K  
**IP Rating:** IP20  
**Weight:** 15.4 lbs.  
**Size:** 11.8 x 9.4 x 5.1”  
**MSRP:** $999.99  
**Comments:** Unique LED blinder effect using dual 60W main LEDs and pixel-mappable LED “halos.”

[blizzardlighting.com](http://blizzardlighting.com)

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**Type:** Blinder  
**Lamp Source:** 230W Warm White LED  
**Number of Cells:** 1  
**Total Wattage:** 266W @ 120V  
**Color Temp:** 2688K (full), 1941K (10%)  
**IP Rating:** IP65  
**Weight:** 18.8 lbs.  
**Size:** 14.96 x 7.40 x 14.61”  
**MSRP:** $1,229.99  
**Comments:** Strike 1 is a big, bold, outdoor-ready blinder powered by an intense 230W warm white LED source.

[elationlighting.com](http://elationlighting.com)

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| Type: Blinder | Lamp Source: Halogen  
Number of Cells: 7  
Total Wattage: 2,100  
Color Temp: 3,900K  
IP Rating: None  
Weight: 26 lbs.  
Size: 33 x 33 x 12"  
MSRP: $2,500  
Comments: Inner Circle Distribution’s Portman P1 is a blinder with a unique retro look. Seven tungsten sourced bulbs, takes seven DMX channels. |
| Type: Blinder | Lamp Source: 650W par 36 DWE or ACL  
Number of Cells: 4, 6, 8, 9, 12  
Total Wattage: 650W per bulb  
Color Temp: 2,900K  
IP Rating: None  
Weight: 8 lite model: 20 lbs.  
Size: 8 lite: 18.5 x 28.5 x 4"  
MSRP: $800  
Comments: James Thomas Engineering offers this fixture in five different models. Outboard dimmer required. |
| Type: Blinder | Lamp Source: 55W GU10  
Number of Cells: 10  
Total Wattage: 550W  
Color Temp: Dependent on bulb  
IP Rating: NA  
Weight: 11.7 lbs.  
Size: 39 x 3 x 5.5"  
MSRP: $270  
Comments: For stand-alone applications, the Sunstrip Active MKII is equipped with 16 built-in patterns as well as a manual dimmer. DMX Channels: 1, 2, 5, 10 |
| Type: Space Light | Lamp Source: 75W proprietary colored LED  
Number of Cells: 12  
Total Wattage: 900W  
Color Temp: 2700-5600K  
IP Rating: IP30  
Weight: 32 lbs.  
Size: 28 x 12 x 23"  
MSRP: $6,495  
Comments: Flicker-Free, direct DC dimming or DMC. 20A power switch. |
| Type: Blinder | Lamp Source: 55W GU10  
Number of Cells: 10  
Total Wattage: 550W  
Color Temp: Dependent on bulb  
IP Rating: NA  
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MSRP: $270  
Comments: For stand-alone applications, the Sunstrip Active MKII is equipped with 16 built-in patterns as well as a manual dimmer. DMX Channels: 1, 2, 5, 10 |
| Type: Blinder | Lamp Source: 100W COB  
Number of Cells: 2  
Total Wattage: 260W  
Color Temp: 3200K  
IP Rating: NA  
Weight: 9 lbs.  
Size: 5.5 x 9.5 x 16.5"  
MSRP: $530  
Comments: High power COB lights deliver painful brightness. |
| Type: Blinder | Lamp Source: 12W LED RGBWA  
Number of Cells: 7  
Total Wattage: 84W  
Color Temp: 2300-6500K  
IP Rating: IP64  
Weight: 6.4 lbs.  
Size: 9 x 6.25 x 9"  
MSRP: $349  
Comments: Offers color mixing with RGBWA; outdoor IP64 rating |
| Type: Pendant | Lamp Source: 153 Cree LEDs  
Number of Cells: One  
Total Wattage: 120W  
Color Temp: 2750, 3000, 3500, 4000, 5000, 5600, 6000K  
IP Rating: Indoor  
Weight: 14 lbs.  
Size: 9.5" diameter by 16" tall  
MSRP: Contact dealer  
Comments: Pendant with single-source RGBW LED board, emulates an incandescent fixture. Mix up to 120 watts of any color. Smooth 0-100% dimming, flicker-free. |
| Type: Recessed Fixture | Lamp Source: 153 Cree LEDs  
Number of Cells: One  
Total Wattage: 120  
Color Temp: 2750, 3000, 3500, 4000, 5000, 5600, 6000K  
IP Rating: Indoor  
Weight: 16 lbs.  
Size: 12" x 16" x 10"  
MSRP: Contact dealer  
Comments: Recessed ceiling fixture with single-source RGBW LED board, emulates the look and feel of an incandescent fixture. Multiple beam angles available. |