

# LIGHT 'EM UP

Take a walk on the bright side with the new Genesis from Lightforce

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**W**henever you're travelling out of the big smoke, you will encounter massive amounts of wildlife in country areas. This is no problem during the day, but at night they seem to jump out of the dark like a clown out of a jack-in-the-box. Travelling with a good pair of driving lights will mean there is no way that they will sneak up on you again, reducing the chance of damage to your 4WD as well as possibly saving the life of an Aussie icon.

Lightforce has many different lights available on the market today, with the premium light being the Lightforce XGT measuring 240mm across. This is an excellent light, but due to its size, it can only be fitted to a limited number of bars. Lightforce has realised this, so off to the drawing board it went and came up with the new Genesis, measuring just 210mm across and available in both a halogen and high-intensity discharge (HID) version.

The Genesis is an Australian

market release only, meaning it was designed with Australian 4WDers in mind! The Genesis is designed to fit virtually any bullbar on the market, it does this due to the massive amount of adjustment in the brackets. By moving the light's bracket between the two holes in the hosing or by turning the mount around, you can sit the light back on the bar for better protection in case of an animal strike.

The light comes with a clear cover made from hard-coated polycarbonate for protection against any stones kicked up out bush. Lightforce claims that its Genesis light has a 15% larger reflector than most of its competitors' lights of equal size. The old rule with lights is the bigger or better the quality the reflector, the more light that is produced when using the same globe. We thought it was about time we put a set through their paces, so we whacked a pair onto our 100 Series LandCruiser.

The 'Cruiser already had the halogen XGTs fitted, so we decided to compare the light



output from a smaller light but with the HID set-up. The first thing we noticed was the excellent mounting system, with the two extra mounting holes in each light bracket giving the ability to bolt the light down via three bolts per light if wanted. This is to stop any chance of the spottie turning on the mount.

The amount of light on the first drive was impressive, easily matching the distance from the XGTs, but blitzing the overall spread of light. The area we travelled into was full of kangaroos, but the spread from this light virtually turned night into day and lit up every one of the sneaky buggers with ease.

The crisp white light produced from the HID meant even with a five-hour-long drive, I didn't feel fatigued in any way, as I wasn't having to work hard to see what was ahead. We put this down to the HID lights being more like natural daylight, and as it didn't reflect off the street signs anywhere near as much, it was easier to concentrate on the road ahead.

We will bring you up-to-date information on how these perform over the next few months. If you are interested in any of the Lightforce lights or accessories, feel free to call 1800 030 308 or check out the website at [www.lightforce.com](http://www.lightforce.com). The lights that we have fitted are the Genesis 210 HIDs, one spot and one spread, retailing at \$630 each. Plus, there are a number of items that can be purchased to suit this light, such as wiring harnesses, coloured lens covers and locknuts to stop theft.

