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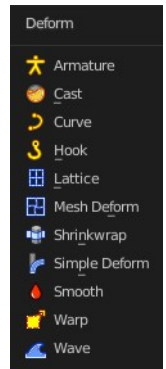
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Curve&Text - Deform modifiers

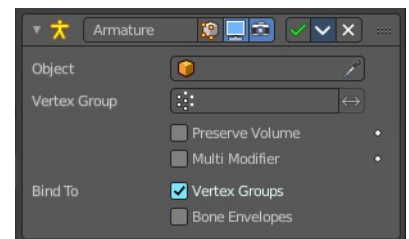


Armature

An armature system allows to deform objects accurately by posing bones.

The Armature modifier contains the armature settings at the mesh end.

This modifier gets created automatically when you parent a mesh to an armature.



Object

The name of the armature object used by this modifier.

Vertex Group

A vertex group of the object, which weights will be used to determine the influence of this modifier's results when mixing it with the results from other Armature ones.

This is only of use when having at least two of these modifiers on the same object, with Multi Modifier activated.

Invert

Inverts the influence set by the vertex group.

Preserve Volume

Use quaternions for preserving volume of object during deformation.

Without Preserve Volume, rotations at joints tend to scale down the neighboring geometry, up to nearly zero at 180 degrees from rest position. With it, the geometry is no longer scaled down, but there is a discontinuity when reaching 180 degrees from rest position.

Multi Modifier

You can parent an object to more than one armature. The Multi Modifier allows you to use several armatures to deform the same object, all based on the “non-deformed” data.

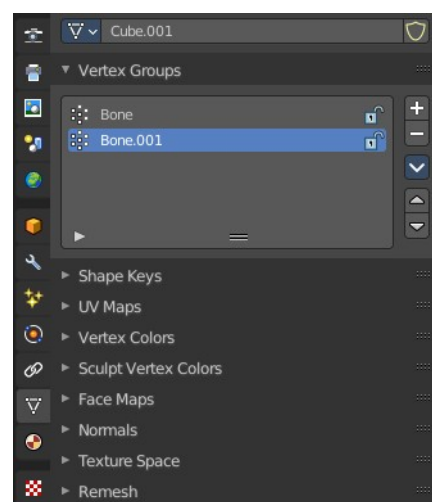
The results of the Armature modifiers are then mixed together, using the weights of the Vertex Group as “mixing guides”.

Bind to

Vertex Groups

Meshes and lattices only. Use Vertex groups for deforming the mesh. A bone named “forearm”, will only affect the vertices in the “forearm” vertex group. The influence of one bone on a given vertex is controlled by the weight of this vertex in the relevant group.

The vertex groups are located in the Object Data Properties in the Properties editor.



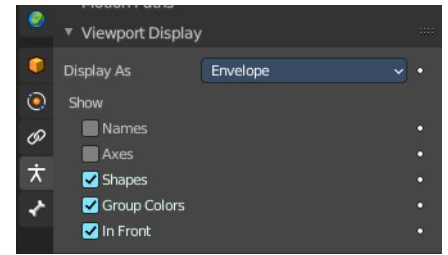
Bone Envelopes

Use the Bone envelopes to deform vertices or control points near them, defined by each bone's envelope radius and distance.

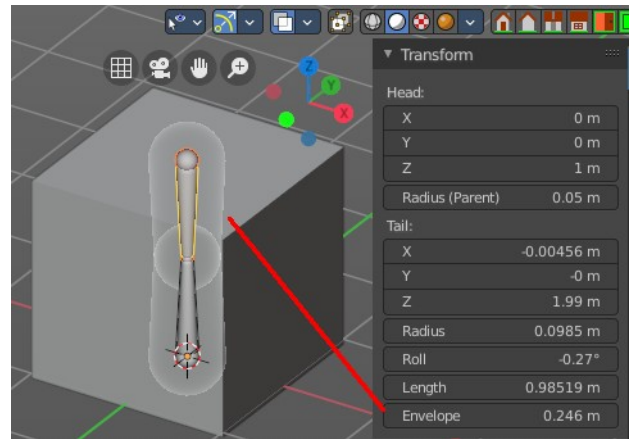
When envelopes are disabled, Blender uses the set of existing vertex group names to determine which bones

influences what mesh part.

Bone envelopes display can be turned on in the Viewport Display panel in the Object Data properties tab in the Properties Editor. Display as ...



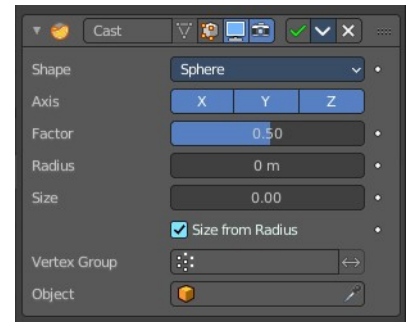
And can be adjusted in the Transform panel in the sidebar of the 3D View, in Edit mode.



Cast

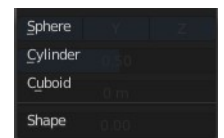
The Cast modifier shifts the shape of a mesh, curve, surface or lattice object, towards predefined shapes. Sphere, cylinder, cuboid.

Note! For performance reasons, this modifier only works with local coordinates. If the modified object looks wrong, you may need to apply its transformations, especially when casting to a cylinder.



Shape

Choose the target shape of the projection: Sphere, Cylinder or Cuboid.



Axis

The directions in which the modifier works. For a Cylinder shape the Z axis remains unaffected.

Factor

The factor to control blending between original and cast vertex positions.

The factor is a linear interpolation. 0.0 gives original coordinates, and the modifier has no effect then. 1.0 casts to the target shape. Values below 0.0 or above 1.0 exaggerate the deformation.

Radius

A value above 0.0 defines a sphere of influence. Vertices outside it are not affected by the modifier.

Size

Alternative size for the projected shape. If zero, it is defined by the initial shape and the control object, if any.

Size from Radius

Calculate Size from Radius. Can give smoother results.

Vertex Group

Restrict the effect to the vertices in that vertex group.

Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

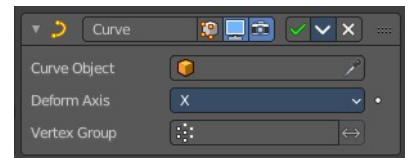
Object

The name of an object to control the effect. The location of this object's origin defines the center of the projection. And its size and rotation transform the projected vertices.

Curve

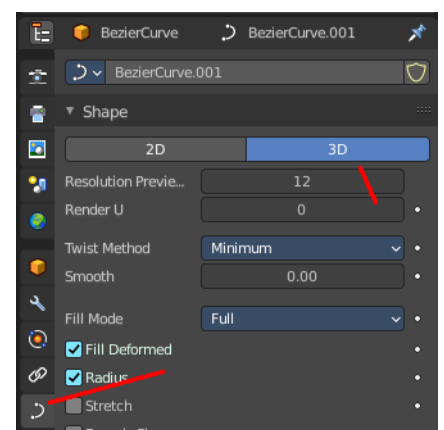
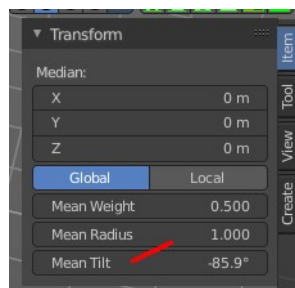
The Curve modifier deforms a mesh along a curve object. You need to have a curve object in the scene, and choose it as the curve object.

The modifier works in global space on a dominant axis, X, Y, or Z. When you move your mesh in the dominant direction, the object will move along the curve. When you pull into the other axis directions then the object will move away from the dominant axis, and deform.



When you move the object beyond the curve's ends, the object will keep the deformation from the latest curve point.

If the curve is 3D, then the rotation of the object can be controlled by the mean tilt of the curve control points. The mean tilt can be found in edit mode in the sidebar in the Transform panel. Other options in the Shape panel can also have an influence at the deforming result. Like Stretch.



Curve Object

The name of the curve object that will affect the deformed object.

Deformation Axis

The axis to deform along.



Vertex Group

Restrict the effect to the vertices in that vertex group.

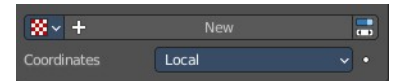
Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

Texture Prop

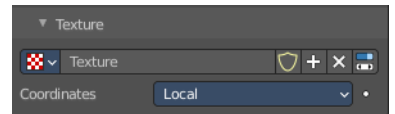
Texture browser

A list of the available textures



Texture Edit Box

The name of the currently active texture. Allows to rename the texture too.



Fake User

Keep this data even when it has no user in the scene.

Add Texture

Add a new texture.

Remove

Removes the texture. Note that the texture is still in the browser list.

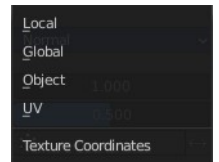
Change Context

Jump to texture tab and show the texture.

Coordinates

The texture coordinate system to use for the displacement.

The displacement can be along a particular local axis, along the vertex normal. Or the separate RGB components of the texture can be used to displace vertices in the local X, Y and Z directions simultaneously. This is called Vector Displacement.

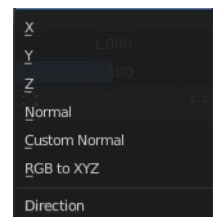


Direction

The direction along which to displace the vertices.

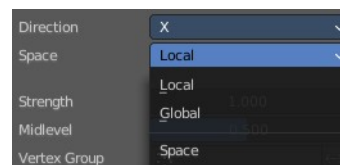
X, Y, Z

Displace along an axis.



Space

With a direction set to X, Y, Z, or XYZ the modifier can either displace along local or global axes.



Normal

Displace along the vertex normal.

Custom Normal

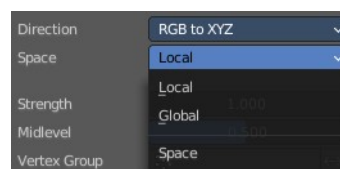
Displace along (averaged) custom normals, instead of vertex normals.

RGB to XYZ

Displace along local XYZ axes individually using the RGB components of the texture. Red values displaced along the X axis, Green along the Y, Blue along the Z axis.

Space

With a direction set to X, Y, Z, or XYZ the modifier can either displace along local or global axes.



Strength

The strength of the displacement. A negative strength inverts the effect of the modifier.

After offsetting by the Mid level value, the displacement will be multiplied by the Strength value to give the final vertex offset.

$$\text{vertexoffset} = \text{displacement} \times \text{Strength}$$

Mid level

The texture value which will be treated as no displacement by the modifier. Texture values below this threshold will result in negative displacement along the selected direction, while texture values above it will result in positive displacement.

$$\text{displacement} = \text{texturevalue} - \text{Midlevel}$$

Note that that color/luminosity values are typically between (0.0 to 1.0) in Blender, and not between (0 to 255).

Vertex Group

Use a vertex group to control the influence of the modifier.

Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

Hook

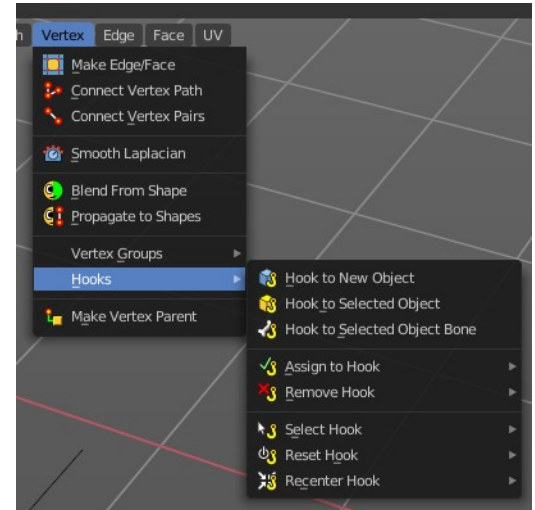
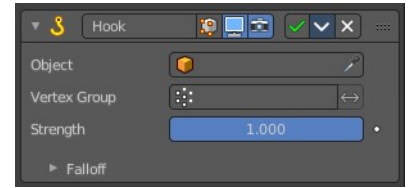
The Hook modifier is used to deform a mesh, curve or lattice by another object. When you move this hook object, then it pulls vertices or control points with it.

Assigning the hook object to specific vertices of the target object is done in Edit mode. The modifier shows a set of buttons then.

This modifier is automatically created when you add a Hook from the Hooks menu in the Edge menu in edit mode.

Some settings just exists in Edit mode.

Warning! The Hook Modifier stores vertex indices from the original mesh to determine what to affect. Modifiers that generate geometry, like Subdivision Surface, should always be put after the Hook modifier in the stack. Otherwise, the generated geometry can't be affected by the hook's influence.



Object

The name of the object to hook vertices to.

Vertex Group

Allows you to define the influence per vertex.

Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

Strength

Adjust this hooks influence on the vertices.

Reset

In Edit mode. Recalculate and clear the offset transform of the hook.

Recenter

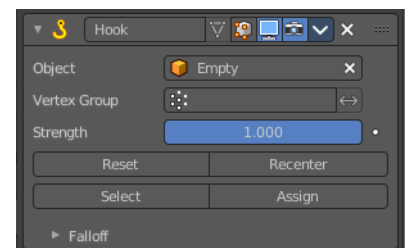
In Edit mode. Set the hook center to the 3D cursor position.

Select

In Edit mode. Select the vertices affected by this hook.

Assign

In Edit mode. Assigns selected vertices to this hook.



Falloff

Type

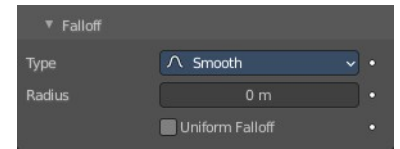
This can be used to adjust the kind of influence curve that the hook has on the mesh. You can also define a custom curve to get a much higher level of control.

Radius

The size of the hooks influence.

Uniform Falloff

Compensate non uniform scale, and use a uniform falloff.

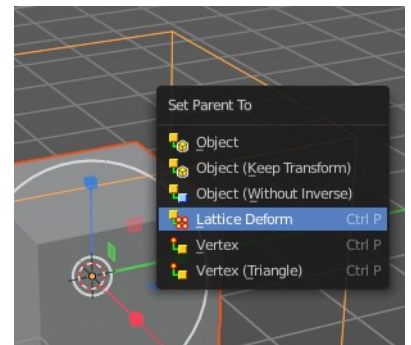
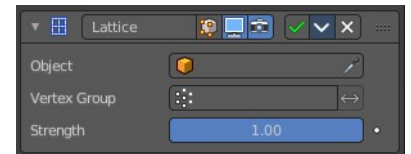


Lattice

The Lattice modifier deforms the base object by the shape of a Lattice object. It can be used at meshes, curves, surfaces, text, lattices and even particles.

A Lattice modifier with valid settings can be added by selecting the object, holding down shift, select the target lattice object, and then choose Lattice Deform in the Parent menu.

Note! When you want to use a lattice to deform particles, then you need to place the Lattice modifier after the Particle System modifier.



Object

The Lattice object that deforms the base object.

Vertex Group

Limit the modifier's effect to a vertex group of the base mesh.

Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

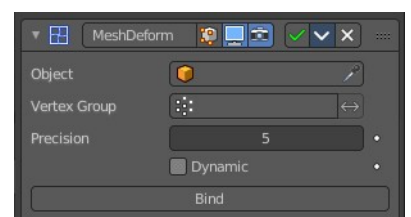
Strength

A factor to control blending between original and deformed vertex positions.

Mesh Deform

The Mesh Deform modifier allows an arbitrary mesh of any closed shape to act as a deformation cage around another mesh.

Note! The changes are not displayed in edit mode. But Edit mode is where



you deform your cage object.

Note! This modifier can run out of memory and crash.

Object

The name of the mesh object to be used as the deforming cage.

Vertex Group

Restrict the affected vertices to a vertex group.

Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

Precision

Controls the accuracy with which the deform mesh cage alters the deformed object when the points on the cage are moved. Higher values means better precision and higher calculation time.

This setting is unavailable once a cage has been bound.

Dynamic

When activated, other mesh altering features (such as other modifiers and shape keys) are taken into account when binding. This increases the deformation quality.

This setting is unavailable once a cage has been bound.

Bind

Bind the current vertex positions of both, the modified geometry and the deforming Object, together. An unbound Mesh Deform modifier has no effect. It must be bound so that altering the shape of the deform mesh cage is able to alter the shape of the modified object.

Warning! It can take a long time for the operation to complete. And the software may not respond for a pretty while.

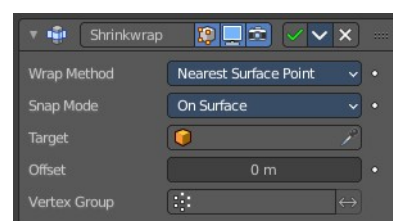
Unbind

Unbind the meshes. The deformed object will reset back to its original shape that it had before it was bound to the deform mesh cage.

Shrinkwrap

The Shrinkwrap modifier allows an object to “shrink” to the surface of another object. It moves each vertex of the object to the closest position on the surface of the target object.

It can be applied to meshes, lattices, curves, surfaces and texts.



Wrap Method

The method to determine the nearest point on the target’s surface for each vertex of the object.

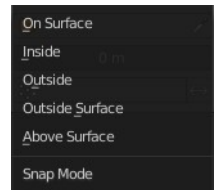
Nearest Surface Point + Target Normal Project

Nearest Surface Point selects the nearest point at the surface. Additionally, Target Normal Project tries to match the interpolated normals of the surface.



Snap Mode

How the vertex snaps to the surface. The methods should be self explaining.



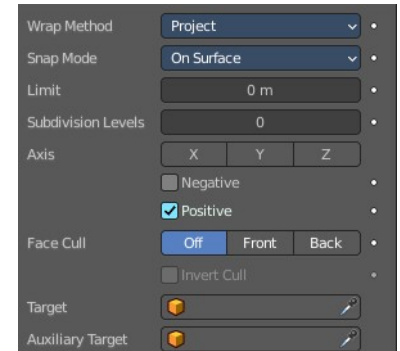
Target

The target mesh to shrink to.

Project

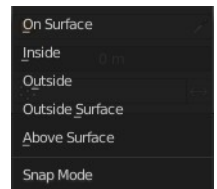
Projects all vertices along a chosen axis until they hit the surface of the target object.

Vertices that never hits the surface are not calculated.



Snap Mode

How the vertex snaps to the surface. The methods should be self explaining.



Limit

A distance limit between original vertex and surface. If the distance is larger than this limit vertex would not be projected onto the surface.

Subdivision Levels

This applies a (temporary) Catmull-Clark subdivision to the modified object’s geometry, before computing the wrap.

Axis

Along which local axis of the modified object the projection is done. These options can be combined with each other, yielding a “median axis” of projection. If none are selected, the normal direction is used.

Negative/Positive

This allows you to select the allowed direction(s) of the shrink along the selected axis. If both options are enabled, both ways are evaluated and the closest hit is selected.

Face Cull

Allows you to prevent any projection over the “front side” or the “back side” of the target’s faces. The “side” of a face is determined by its normal.

Target

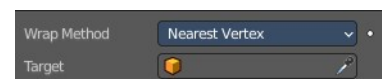
The target mesh to shrink to.

Auxiliary Target

An additional object to project to.

Nearest Vertex

Snaps to the nearest vertex instead of the nearest surface point.



Target

The target mesh to shrink to.

Offset

An offset distance to keep to the target surface.

Vertex Group

Restrict the affected vertices to a vertex group.

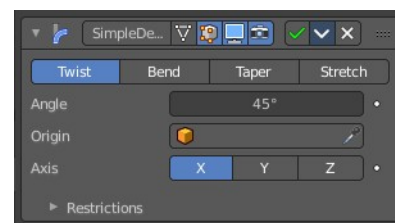
Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

Simple Deform

The Simple Deform modifier allows simple deforming of an object of type Mesh, lattice, curve, surface and text.

The deformation is calculated in local coordinate space.



Deform Method

Twist

Twist rotates the object around an axis. Vertices in the same plane as the origin are not rotated. Above the origin the rotation is clockwise. Below the origin the rotation is negative. The amount of rotation is dependent of the distance to the origin. Closer vertices rotates not so strong.

Bend

Bend bends the object over an axis.

Taper

Taper tapers the object across its origin. The scaling factor is weighted by the distance from the origin of the object in the deform axis.

Stretch

Stretch scales the object along an axis.

Angle (Twist & Bend) / Factor (Taper & Stretch)

The total amount of deformation. A negative value reverses the deformation.

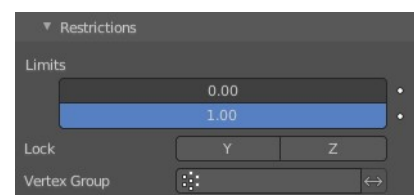
Origin

Pick an object to use its origin as the origin for the simple deformation.

Restrictions

Limits

You can set lower and upper limits for the deformation. The upper limit cannot be lower than the lower one. These limits are mapped on the Deform axis.



Lock

Not for Bend. Do not allow deformations along these axis.

Vertex Group

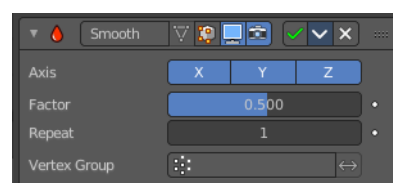
Limit the deformation to a vertex group.

Smooth

The Smooth modifier smoothens a mesh by flattening the angles between adjacent faces.

Axis

The axis to modify.



Factor

The smoothing amount. Higher values will increase the effect. Values outside expected range (above 1.0 or below 0.0) will distort the mesh.

Repeat

The number of smoothing iterations.

Vertex Group

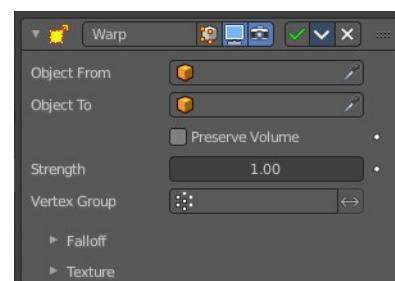
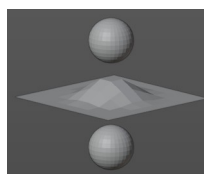
Limit the modifier to a vertex group.

Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

Warp

The Warp modifier warps parts of a mesh to a new location by using two target objects. The deformation goes into the direction from the first target object to the second target object. This target objects can be of any type. Empty, Lamp, Camera, etc. For demonstration purposes two spheres are used.



Object From

The object to define the origin transformation of the warp.

Object To

The object to define the destination transformation of the warp.

Preserve Volume

Enables volume preservation when rotating one of the transforms.

Strength

Sets how strong the effect is.

Vertex Group

Limit the modifier to a vertex group.

Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

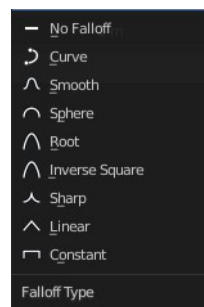
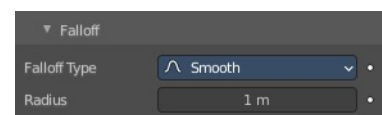
Falloff

Falloff Type

The falloff type. How the strength of the warp changes as it goes from the center of the transform to the Radius value.

Radius

The distance from the transforms that can be warped by the transform handles.



Texture

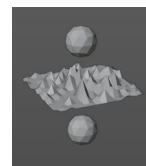
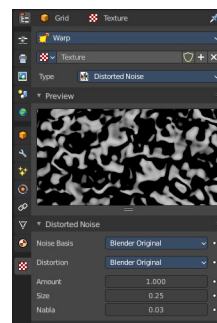
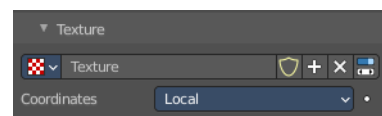
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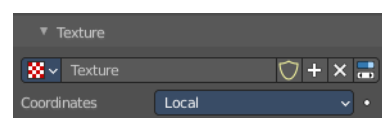
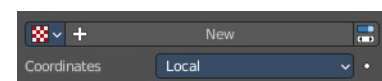
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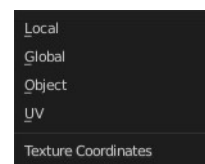
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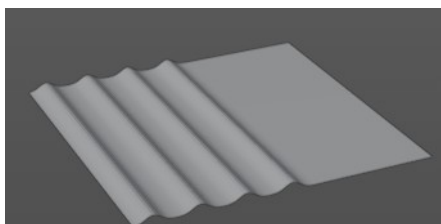
Coordinates

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Wave

The Wave modifier adds a ripple-like shape to an object's geometry. The shape can be animated by playing the animation.

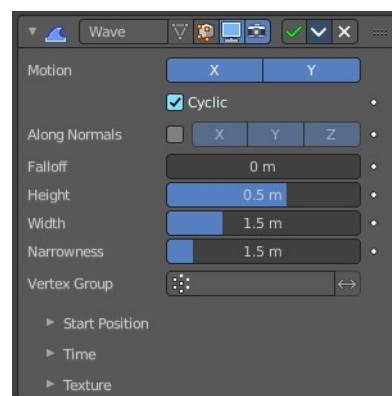


This modifier works with meshes,

lattices, curves, surfaces and texts.

Important! All the values are in local object space. They must be multiplied with the corresponding Scale values of the object to get the real dimensions.

To obtain a nice wave effect similar to sea waves and close to a sinusoidal wave, make the distance between following ripples and the ripple width equal. That is, the Narrowness value must be equal to $2 / \text{Width}$. E.g. for Width to be 1, set Narrow to 2.



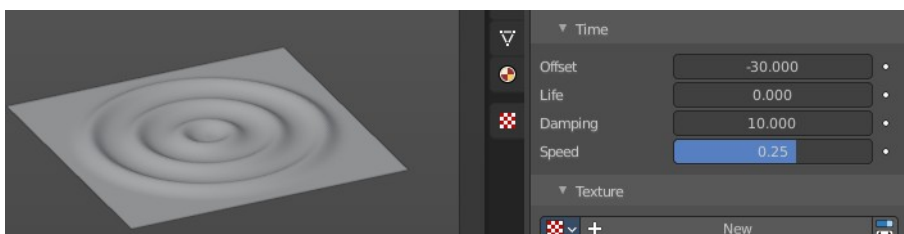
Motion

The wave effect deforms vertices/control points in the Z direction. The initial start point is the object origin. The direction is then in X or Y direction. With both activated you get a circle shape.

Cyclic

Repeats the waves.

When you want to have more circles at frame 1 already, then use a negative Offset in the Time subpanel.



Along Normals

For meshes only. Displaces the mesh along the surface normals (instead of the object's Z axis).

X/Y/Z

Restrict displacement along normals to the selected local axes.

Falloff

Controls how fast the waves fade out as they travel away from the starting point.

Height

The height or amplitude of the ripple.

Width

Distance between the waves. If the pulses are too near to each other, the wave may not reach the zero Z

position. In this case the whole wave gets lowered so that the minimum is zero, and the maximum is lower than the expected amplitude.

Narrowness

The actual width of each pulse.

The higher the value the narrower the pulse. The actual width of the area for a single is given by $4 / \text{Narrowness}$.

Vertex Group

Limit the effect of the modifier to a vertex group.

Invert

Inverts the influence of the selected vertex group.

Start Position

Object

Use the origin of another object as the starting point.



Start Position X/Y

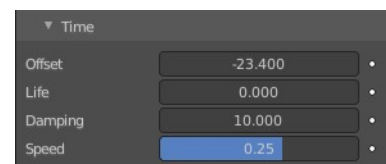
Coordinates of the center of the waves, in object's local space.

Time

Settings to control the animation.

Offset

Time offset in frames. The frame at which the wave begins (if Speed is positive), or ends (if Speed is negative). Use a negative frame number to prime and pre-start the waves.



Life

Duration of animation in frames. With a value of zero the animation loops forever.

Damping

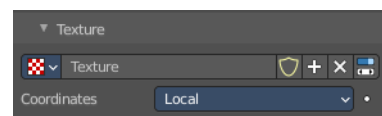
An additional number of frames in which the wave slowly damps from the Height value to zero after Life is reached. The dampening occurs for all the ripples and begins in the first frame after the Life is over. Ripples disappear over Damping frames.

Speed

The speed per frame, of the ripple.

Texture subtab

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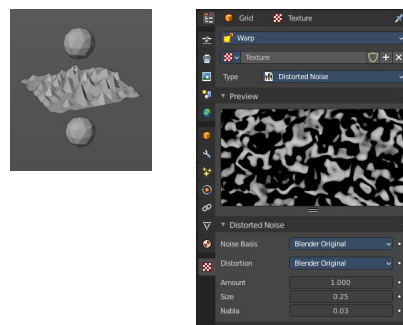


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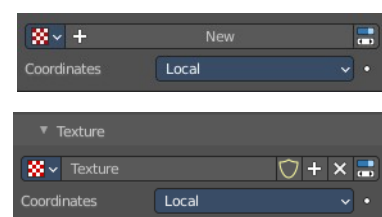
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