

**St. Marks Lighthouse Lens**  
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Original lighting: 15 Argand-Lewis Whale oil lamps, 15 inch reflectors

Current lens: Fixed, Fourth Order Fresnel Lens – installed during repairs to the tower after the Civil War, relit Jan. 7, 1867

Manufactured by Henry-Lepaute factory in Paris, France, between 1854 and 1860

35 7/8 inches tall, 67 1/4 inches in circumference, focal length is 9 4/5 inches, approx. 120 lbs.

Original light source kerosene, changed to electricity in 1930's

Last light source: Carlisle and Finch automatic lamp changer holding two 1000-watt bulbs

Light covered 270 degrees of horizon, visible 14-15 miles

The surviving glass is believed to be original

Automated in 1960

Deactivated in 2000

According to the lampists from the Ponce de Leon Inlet Lighthouse Preservation Association: "Given its age and use, this lens is in good condition."