



Villagers from Nakobo on the Fijian island of Vanua Levu, follow a low-impact philosophy as they assemble Bebi lights like the Doe (inset).

Island-style LED Lights

By limiting the scope of this test to drop-in replacement bulbs for a specific fixture, *PS* omitted one product that deserves mention in this age of eco-consciousness. Founded in 1994 on the Fijian Island of Vanua Levu, Bebi Electronics (www.bebi-electronics.com) specializes in rugged, low-energy LED lights designed by sailors for sailors. What sets the Internet-based company apart is a micro-scale manufacturing process that promotes sustainability by reducing waste and using solar power and recycled materials. Made with high-quality

components, the lights are assembled in the small rural village of Nakobo, where Bebi employs a small workforce. The LED cluster-type modules share the same waterproof construction with twisted pigtail leads. The 9 LED “Doe” lights *PS* examined have a relatively narrow spot beam, but produce a uniform light, good for reading in a bunk. The lights are supported by lightning-quick customer service via e-mail, and a lifetime guarantee.

