



## Special Edition

PhotoAcute Studio 2.70

## Video Tutorial

Adobe Photoshop Elements 8

## PDF eBook

Take Your Photography to the Next Level –  
From Inspiration to Image

## Image Processing Tools

### Windows

Artweaver Free 1.1  
Contrast Balance 1.0  
Displacement Map 1.0  
DragonFly's Sinedots Shader  
Eraser Genuine 1.01  
Flat Median 1.3  
Fotomatic 1.3v  
Free Plug-ins 1.9  
Gimp 2.6.10  
Gimp Portable 2.6.10  
Gimpshop 2.2.8  
GML Matting 0.3  
Harry's Filters 3.01

HeliosPaint 1.4.3  
HSL Plus 1.0  
Luce 1.9a  
Magic Enhancer Lite 1.0  
Noise Shampoo 1.0  
Outliner 2.0  
PaintStar 2.70  
PSPI 1.0.7  
ShiftN 3.5  
Sinedots II 1.03  
SmartCurve 2.2  
The Works Plug-In Filters 3.1v  
Xero Freeware Plug-ins 5

### Mac

Free Plug-ins 1.4  
Gimp 2.6.10  
Gimpshop 2.2.11  
HeliosPaint 1.4.3

### Linux

Gimpshop 2.2.11

## Photo Tools

### Windows

AutoStitch 2.2

AVPicFaceXmpTagger 1.7  
CombineZP  
FastStone Image Viewer 4.2  
FastStone Image Viewer Portable 4.2  
Hugin 2009.4.0  
i-Fun Viewer 8.0  
Image Inc. 1.2  
MobaPhoto 1.42  
Panorado Flyer 1.2.1.19  
Photomapper 0.7  
PhotoRec 6.11.3  
PhotoWipe 1.20

### Mac

Hugin 2010.0.0  
PhotoRec 6.11.3

### Linux

Hugin 2010.0.0  
PhotoRec 6.11.3

## Sample Images

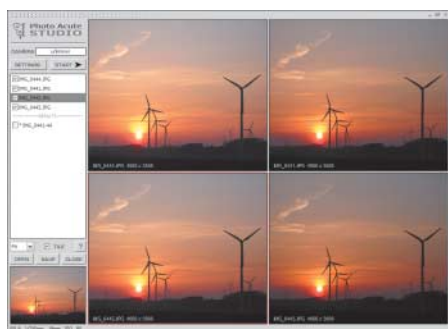
Manual Lens Test: c't Studio Test Images  
Manual Lens Test: Sample Outdoor Images

## Film Looks

100+ Film Look Presets

# DVD Highlights

The DVD's many highlights include a c't special edition of PhotoAcute Studio 2.70, a four-hour video tutorial on Photoshop Elements 8, and the PDF eBook *Take Your Photography to the Next Level*.



## PhotoAcute Studio 2.70 Special Edition

PhotoAcute Studio 2.70 creates low-noise, high-resolution (HDR) images from multiple source images, removes unwanted objects from panorama overlaps, and corrects various types of lens distortion.

One way to significantly reduce digital image noise is to take multiple shots of your subject and to merge them into a single, lower-noise image or to a single image with higher resolution than the original pictures. The program can also produce still images from multiple video frames.

The program is easy to use: Simply drag your source files to the program window, click the Start button, and choose which functions you want to apply.

You can choose between reducing noise, increasing resolution, or aligning and cropping your images for processing using a different HDR program. The program also includes options for focus stacking, removing unwanted moving objects, and adjusting the degree to which images are rotated and cropped during alignment.

PhotoAcute also corrects lens distortion for a wide range of cameras and lenses. Once you have selected the appropriate settings, you can output the results to JPEG or DNG files.

The manufacturer is offering a 15 percent discount if you purchase the latest version of the program before 12/31/2010. The license includes updates for a 12-month period. (keh)



## Take Your Photography to the Next Level

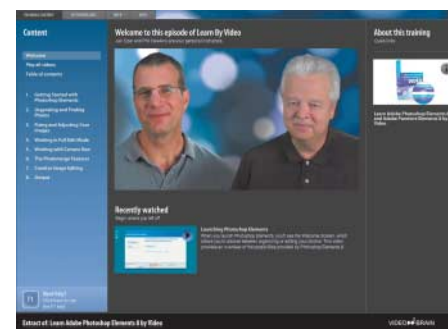
Don't just take a picture of a truck. Make an image of a truck!" From inspiration to image—George Barr's book helps advanced photographers find ways to improve their technical and aesthetic skills.

Author George Barr has been taking photos for over 40 years. This book is the cream of over 500 articles written during that time on the process of becoming a photographer.

Barr recommends honing your seeing skills by studying the work of exceptional photographers. He discusses the individual elements of an image, and goes on to discuss more than a dozen of his own shots, detailing why he chose a subject and the kind of emotional impact he wanted to achieve. The book also deals with finding subjects and choosing the ideal viewpoint. The author analyzes a real shoot, and shows us some of the intermediate results that led to a final print.

The section on composition uses sample images to detail the process of finding the right lines and pinpointing the center of interest. Barr is convinced that you should spend just as much time framing as you do composing your image.

The author concludes by discussing how to analyze your level of skill and your results, and offers specific advice on how to improve those skills. He also gives tips on where to find expert advice and forums for exchanging information. (keh)



## Video Tutorial: Photoshop Elements 8

This four-hour video tutorial by video2brain explains the entire image manipulation and management workflow using the Adobe Photoshop Elements software package.

The tutorial begins by showing you how to import, save, organize, and retrieve image files using the program's built-in tools.

The bulk of the tutorial concentrates on optimizing and adjusting images using the Organizer, Quick Fix mode, and Full Edit mode. The individual sections detail highlight and shadow correction, noise reduction, and lens error corrections. There is also a section on working with Layers, and detailed tips on workspace configuration and image resizing.

The tutorial discusses the principles and practicalities of RAW image processing, including white balance, color, and tone adjustments. The Photomerge Panorama, Group Shot, and Scene Cleaner tools are also discussed in detail. A further section deals with using filters, layer effects and layer styles.

The final section covers the program's output options, which include printing, mailing, and sharing on the Web. Users also learn how to publish their creations in a photo book and how to create custom frames.

The Flash-based tutorial is Windows and Mac-compatible and includes material for playback on iOS and GP3-based devices. (keh)