

## Impressive Light Effects

I downloaded the program in my new laptop with *Vista*. It loaded quickly without any problems. It operates as a stand-alone utility or it can be used as a plug-in in to *Photoshop CS3* or *Photoshop Elements 6*.

I used it both as a stand-alone and in *Elements 6*. The plug-in version is also compatible with *Corel Painter*, *Coral Photo-Paint*, *Paint Shop Pro Photo* and *Ulead Photo Impact*.

This is a great program for the young at heart, as you can add glitter and glitz to any photo. Just let your imagination soar and the program has the right tool to do it with. Add stars, rainbows, raindrops, light rays from a light source, fireworks, planets and even alien signs in the sky. There are so many possibilities with this program

There are many presets that are ready to use and they can be changed to make your own creation. You can save them to use again and again. Design your own to use with your own style of photography.

I have used the program to enhance landscape photos with stars, moon beams, and sunrays. I also had fun adding fireworks to some night shots I took over the summer. The enhancements that were made to my photos added a lot of interest, glitz and fun

I would recommend printing the manual and get used to the shortcuts. It is written clearly, easy to follow and directions are easy to understand.

**About:** Akvis Light Shop v.2.5 Plug-in

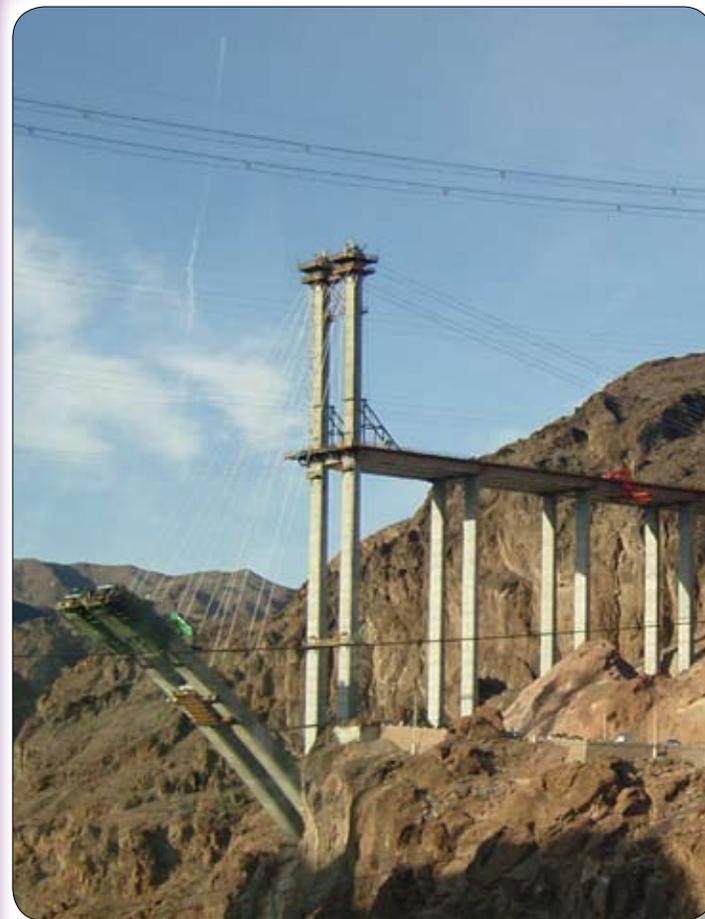
**Vendor:** AKVIS

[www.akvis.com](http://www.akvis.com)

**Price:** US \$117

AKVIS offers 10 free days of fully functional use. Just download from:

<http://download.akvis.com/akvis-lightshop-setup.exe>



Construction of the new bridge over the Colorado continues, just south of Hoover Dam. Photo contributed by TCS President George Harding