
Product Review - AKVIS Retoucher – Photoshop Plug-in

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AKVIS Retoucher is a nice scratch and dust removal software for old photo restoration.

Retoucher removes dust, scratches, flakes, stains, water spots and other defects that appear on damaged photos.

Let's face it - we all have those old photos with dust, scratches, wrinkles, folds, tears and parts missing. It can take forever to handle these imperfections manually, not to mention some considerable skill with Photoshop or Photoshop Elements.

With AKVIS Retoucher, you remove defects with a mouse click, saving hours of work.

To retouch a picture, select unwanted objects (scratches, a date stamp, etc), push the button, and voila! - the imperfections becomes smooth and blend into the background. It looks like a kind of magic when you observe scratches vanishing before your very eyes.

AKVIS Retoucher is a plug-in. It works under image processing programs that support Photoshop compatible plugins. It is compatible with Adobe Photoshop, Photoshop Elements, Jasc Paint Shop Pro, Ulead PhotoImpact, etc.

Go to <http://akvis.com/en/compatibility-software.php> to check the compatibility with your application.

You can use Retoucher free for a 10 day evaluation period. When the evaluation period ends, you have to enter a registration key to continue. For examples and step-by-step instructions on how they did these photos and others, go to: <http://akvis.com/en/retoucher/examples-image-restoration.php>.

Download for Mac or Windows at <http://akvis.com/en/retoucher/download-image-restoration.php>

Operating systems:

Windows 98, Me, 2000, XP, NT; Mac OS X.



System requirements:

Windows:

- Pentium II 233 MHz (and more), RAM at least 96 MB, 5 MB of free space on the hard disk.
- An installed photo editor supporting plug-ins.

Macintosh:

- Mac OS X 10.3, PowerPC G3 and above.
- An installed photo editor supporting plug-ins.

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