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AKVIS - Retoucher

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OVERVIEW: The retoucher plugin restores photographs that have defects (lines, tears, folds, dust and other imperfections). The result is a smooth and seamless restoration of such imperfections.

PROGRAM: A 10 day free trial with pdf tutorials provide ample time to evaluate the plugin. It will work with Windows 98, Me, 2000, XP, NT; Mac OS X is compatible with Adobe Photoshop, Jasc Paint Shop Pro (all) and Corel PHOTO-PAINT.

PRICE: \$87.00

WEBSITE: <http://akvis.com/en/index.php>

INSTALLATION: Easy installation into its own folder. The PDF tutorial file provides detailed information for installing and registering the plugin. The PDF tutorial also provides examples with descriptions for using the plugin to achieve particular effects.

ADVANTAGES: This plugin requires selecting the area or areas needing restoration and then applying the plugin. It is a quick and effective way to restore photographs.

DISADVANTAGES: Attempting to restore large areas at once takes time for the plugin to work and too large of a selection will sometimes not work.

REVIEWER COMMENTS: Using a zoomed photograph and selecting areas of imperfection makes retouching quick and easy and painless. The feature of blending into the background or surrounding areas makes this process very natural and very effective.

OTHER MEMBER REVIEWS: This plugin does very well on taking out artifacts. I worked on some very old files that were scans of old slides and it took out a lot of the artifacts and made it look like an original without the black spots. There was one area that didn't work. However, I feel that may have been my fault.

I also used it on an old picture that had a water spot that I wanted removed and it did a perfect job of removing the spot that was on the cement leaving it to look like there was no spot there at all.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Retouching photographs is often a very slow and tedious process. This plugin provides a tool for a smooth and seamless way to retouch photographs quickly and effectively.

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