



'SHOP TOOLS

TEN ESSENTIAL PHOTOSHOP CS3 PLUG-INS.

	ITEM/ CONTACT	COMPANY	MSRP	COMPATIBILITY	SPECS
	ALIEN SKIN IMAGE DOCTOR	Alien Skin Software	\$129	PC/Mac	There are a number of plug-ins for digital photo image enhancement and retouching. This one very well might be the best. Great repair tools, intelligent automation, and it even removes compression artifacting. You really need to see it in action.
	www.alienskin.com				
	DX DIGITAL FILTERS	Tiffen	\$299, complete set for FCP, AE or Avid \$599	PC/Mac	This package of 91 filters simulates virtually every Tiffen filter, gels, redeye removal, paint, non-destructive image effects, masking, color management, and many file formats including Cineon and DPX. It's capable of amazing image enhancements and looks. Place it very high on your wish list.
	www.tiffen.com				
	FLUID MASK 3	Vertus Software	\$239	PC/Mac	Photoshop's eyedropper can do some masking, but there's nothing that Fluid Mask 3 can't handle. Superior edge detection and even fine hair detection makes this the masking program a must. Earlier versions were a tad slow but Vertus promises that version 3 is significantly faster.
	www.vertustech.com				
	FNORD PROEXR	Fnord Software	\$95 for Photoshop, free for After Effects	PC/Mac	With this compression, a 3.9MB TIFF compresses to 443K, but with 32-bit floating point accuracy and full dynamic range. Reads info from 3D renderers and sets up each element in layers if you like. Important acquisition for those who regularly go between PS and AE.
	www.fnordsoftware.com				
	GENUINE FRACTALS 5	OnOne Software	\$159.95, Entire Suite \$399.95	PC/Mac	Enlarge a still image for pan/scan in your NLE or up-res a frame grab for higher resolution print uses. Also in a Print Pro version, this product beats Photoshop's native rescaling features.
	www.ononesoftware.com				
	GOOGLE 3D WAREHOUSE	Adobe	Free	PC/Mac. Currently available as a beta download.	Lest we neglect proud PS parent Adobe, this nifty little plug-in lets you search Google 3D Warehouse images for direct download into PS. You can then manipulate those images in Photoshop. Google has a wide range of both free and commercial 3D models. Lots of possibilities here.
	labs.adobe.com				
	HD PHOTO	Microsoft	Free	PC only. Currently available as a public beta.	This plug-in represents a new file format called HD Photo. It supports very tight compression for smaller file sizes while also supporting high dynamic range and wide gamut formats. This is the future, folks.
	www.microsoft.com				
	LIGHTWAVE RENDITION	Newtek	Free beta, \$149 when shipping	PC/Mac	Rendition brings the rendering engine of Lightwave 3D into PS. With models from Lightwave, Google, or imported from any common 3D image format it becomes possible to perform photorealistic 3D output from PS. It even ships with an image library at this remarkable price.
	www.newtek.com				
	STRATA 3D[IN]	Strata	\$149 for separ- ates, \$399 for bundle	PC/Mac	Probably the most exciting new product for 3D artists. Create a 3D model from a photo. Create 3D Web pages from a photo and save even as a Flash animation. And once again, with CS3 Extended, animate the results or even add 3D images into a video file.
	www.strata.com				
	TEXTURE ANARCHY	Digital Anarchy	\$129	PC/Mac	It's hard to say which of the DA products I like best. Texture Anarchy may have a bit of a wonky interface, but you can create really great textures and blend with images. Here's where PS Extended's video features come in.
	www.digitalanarchy.com				