

Akvis Noise Buster



Type of Program: Photo noise reduction Supported Platforms: Win XP/NT/2Kx/Vista/Mac OS X 10.3.9-10.5 Company Name: Akvis Version: 5.0 Price: \$49.00 (Home License)

Yet again Akvis have produced a simple and effective solution to a tricky problem, image noise or to the uninitiated those annoying grainy patches on your digital camera images.

Noise is caused by many things such as heating of the camera sensor, long exposure shooting, small pixel size (therefore digital compact cameras generate much noisier images than digital SLRs), high ISO settings, etc. and getting rid of it is time consuming and difficult. Not so with Akvis Noise Buster, its' automatic setting usually will produce good enough results though if you are not quite satisfied, you can tweak the parameters observing the changes in real time in the preview window. The program's window shows Before and After images for comparison. You can switch between the windows with a click on the image. Separate setting areas for luminance and chroma noise allow you to deal with each kind of noise in the most efficient way. For further adjustment you have a few advanced parameters at your disposal. The histogram displaying the noise level and noise components of the loaded image will help you to adjust settings.

AKVIS Noise Buster is available in two editions: as an independent application (standalone) and as a plug-in to a photo editor: Adobe Photoshop, Photoshop Elements, Corel (Jasc) Paint Shop pro, etc.

The plug-in version of Noise Buster offers Batch Processing support that allows you to automatically convert a series of images. Just create an Action in Photoshop or a Script in Corel Paint Shop Pro and apply the plug-in with the same settings to a folder full of images. The program is equally useful both for professional and home users.

A remarkable program which makes image editing so much easier and represents top value for money. Try it now.

Performance: User Friendly: Cost: Ease of Installation: Support: Reviewed by Simon Baillie

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