Corel® PaintShop® Pro 2018

Corel® PaintShop® Pro/Adobe® Photoshop® Comparison Sheet



Comparing the World's "Big 2" Photo Editing and Design Software Products

Features	PaintShop® Pro 2018	Adobe [®] Photoshop [®] CC 2017 [†]
Pricing Model		
Pricing model	Perpetual license (software is licensed forever, for one price)	Monthly subscription
Suggested Retail Price (for 1 year subscription)	\$79.99	\$119.88 (1 year subscription total)
Price for subsequent years	\$0	\$119.88
Total after 3 years	\$79.99	\$359.64 or more (depending on subscription price increases)
Software format	Download, commercial and education licensing, boxed/retail on a disc	Download, commercial and education licensing, Web
Volume licensing price	1 to 4 - \$71.99 per unit 5 to 30 - \$63.99 per unit	\$359.88 per unit (1 year subscription total)
Key Capabilities		
Professional-quality bitmap and photo editing	Yes	Yes
Vector graphics	Yes	Yes
Digital painting/drawing	Yes	Yes
Portraiture tools	Yes	Yes
Instant effects and filters	Yes	No
Levels and curves	Yes	Yes
Screenshot tools	Yes	No
Supports RAW files	Yes	Yes
Preset and custom Workspaces	Yes	Yes
XDM support including support for Intel RealSense	Yes	No
Compatible with PSD	Yes	Yes (native Photoshop file format)
Export Edit History	Yes	Yes
Text tools	Yes	Yes
High Dynamic Range (HDR) tools	Yes	Yes (no dedicated HDR module; more steps than PSP)
Quick adjustment	Yes	No
Clipping mask	Yes (shape & text cutting)	Yes
Content-aware fill (Magic Fill)	Yes	Yes
Quick selection	Yes	Yes
Text wrapping	Yes (in shape & in selection)	Yes (in shape)
Text presets	Yes	No
Custom canvases	Yes	Yes (Artboards)
Project templates	Yes	Yes
Photo management	Yes	Yes (separate app – Adobe Bridge)
Face detection/recognition support	Yes	No
Geo-tagging support	Yes	No

Features	PaintShop Pro 2018 (PSP)	Adobe Photoshop CC 2017
Key Capabilities		
Gradient Fill tool	Yes	Yes
Dual monitor mode	Yes	No
Stylus and graphics tablet support	Yes	Yes
Support for automation	Yes (Scripts)	Yes (Actions)
Advanced scripting/automation	Yes, using Python	Yes, using AppleScript or VBScript
Support for virtualization	Yes	Yes
Supports Photoshop plugins	Yes, to version Adobe Plugin SDK ver 10	Yes
Compatibility		
Operating Systems	Windows	Windows, Mac, Online
Supported file formats	Import formats† AI, BMP, CAL, CALS, CGM, CLP, CMX*, CT, CUR, CUT, DCX, DIB, DRW*, EMF, EPS, GIF, HDP, HGL*, HPG*, IFF, IMG, J2C, J2K, JIF, JP2, JPC, JPE, JPEG, JPG, JPS, JPX, MAC, MPO, MRW, MSP, PBM, PCT*, PCT*, PCX, PDF, PGL*, PGM, PIC, PICT*, PNG, PNS, PPM, PS, PSD, PSP (PSPimage files), RAS, RAW, RIF, RLE, SCT, SVG, SVGZ, TGA, TIF, UFO, WBM, WBMP, WDP, WEBP, WMF, WPG**	Import/Export formats† Photoshop PSD, Large Document Format PSB, BMP, Cineon, CompuServe GIF, Photoshop DCS 1.0, Photoshop DCS 2.0, DICOM, Photoshop EPS, IFF format, JPEG, JPEG2000, OpenEXR, PCX, Photoshop PDF, Pixar, PNG, Portable Bit Map, Photoshop Raw, Scitex CT, Targa, TIFF, Wireless Bitmap, Photoshop 2.0 (Mac only), PICT (read only), PICT Resource (Mac only, can open only), Radiance
	Export formats† BMP, CAL, CALS, CLP, CUT, DCX, DIB, EMF, EPS, AI, PS, GIF, HDP, WDP, IFF, IMG, JP2, J2C, J2K, JPC, JPX, JPG, JIF, JPE, JPEG, MAC, MSP, PBM, PCX, PGM, PIC, PPM, PNG, PSD, PSP (PSPIMAGE FILES), RAS, RAW, RIF, RIFF, RLE, SCT, CT, JPS, PNS, TGA, TIF, TIFF, WBMP, WBM, WEBP, WMF	3D-related formats† 3D Studio (import only), DAE (Collada), Flash 3D* (export only), JPS* (JPEG Stereo), KMZ (Google Earth 4), MPO* (Multi-Picture format), U3D, Wavefront OBJ
RAW file support	Support for over 450 camera models with the following extensions: 3FR, ARW, CR2, CRW, DCR, DNG, ERF, K25, KDC, MEF, MOS, NEF, NRW, ORF, PEF, RAF, RW2, SR2, SRF, X3F	Yes, hundreds of cameras supported via Adobe Camera RAW
Brush formats supported	Yes. PaintShop Pro Brush (.pspbrush), Adobe Photoshop Brush (.abr), Jasc Brush (.jbr)	Photoshop brushes only
Audio & video formats supported	None by default (handled separately via Corel Photo Video Bundle)	Audio import formats†: AAC*, AIFF*, M2A*, M4A*, MP2*, MP3* Video import formats†: .264*, 3GP, 3GPP*, AVC*, AVI, F4V*, FLV*, MOV (QuickTime), MPE*, MPEG 1, MPEG 4, MPEG-2 if a decoder is installed (eg. with an Adobe video suite), MTS*, MXF*, R3D*, TS*, VOB* Video export formats: DPX*, MOV (QuickTime), MP4
Support and training		
In-app training	Award-winning in-app Learning Center	No
In-app Guided Tour	Yes	No
Online training videos	Yes	Yes
Available 1-to-1 or 1-to-many paid training	Yes	Yes
Tech support	Yes	Yes
Online user communities	Yes	Yes
Free trial	Yes	Yes

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