

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

Features	PaintShop® Pro 2021	Adobe® Photoshop® CC 2020 ⁺
Pricing		
Pricing model	Perpetual license (software is licensed forever, for one price)	Monthly subscription
Suggested Retail Price (for 1 year subscription)	\$79.99	\$239.88 (1 year subscription total)
Price for subsequent years	\$0	\$239.88
Total after 3 years	\$79.99	\$719.64 or more (depending on subscription price increases)
Volume licensing price	1 to 4 - \$71.99 per unit 5 to 30 - \$63.99 per unit	\$407.88 per unit (1 year subscription total)
Free trial	Yes (30 days)	Yes (7 days)
Key Capabilities		
Professional-quality bitmap and photo editing	✓	✓
Vector graphics	✓	✓
Photo adjustment tools (White Balance, Brightness/Contrast, Fill Light/Clarity, Vibrancy and more)	✓	✓
Photo Enhancements (AI noise reduction, artifact removal and upsampling)	✓ (New AI features)	✓
Digital painting and drawing tools	✓	✓
Multiple Workspaces	✓ (New Sea-to-Sky Workspace with Ultimate)	X
Content-aware tools (move and fill)	✓	✓
Portraiture tools	✓	✓
Levels and Curves	✓	✓
Text tools	✓	✓
Selection tools	✓	✓
Style Transfer powered by artificial intelligence	✓	X
Instant effects and filters	✓	X
One-click photo fixes	✓	X
Screenshot tools	✓	X
RAW file support	✓	✓
4K monitor support	✓	✓
Layers and Masks	✓	✓
High Dynamic Range (HDR) tools	✓	✓ (no dedicated HDR module; more steps than PaintShop Pro)
Photo management tools (indexing, metadata, and rating controls)	✓	✓ (separate app – Adobe Bridge)
Enhance photos from within Crop tool	✓	X
Project templates	✓	✓
PSD compatibility	✓	✓ (native Photoshop file format)
Advanced UI customization	✓	✓

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Web tools	✓	✓
360° camera support	✓	✓
Support for automation	✓ (Scripts)	✓ (Actions)
Support for Photoshop plugins	✓ (to version Adobe Plugin SDK ver 10)	✓
Seamless content and plugin migration	✓	✓
Dual monitor mode	✓	X
Stylus and graphics tablet support	✓	✓
In-app Guided Tour	✓	X
Compatibility		
Operating Systems	Windows	Windows, Mac, Online
File formats supported	<p>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, PCD*, 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**</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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</p>
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)	<p>Audio import formats[†]: AAC*, AIFF*, M2A*, M4A*, MP2*, MP3*</p> <p>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*</p> <p>Video export formats[†]: DPX*, MOV (QuickTime), MP4</p>

* Supported on 32-bit installs only

** WPG (WordPerfect Vector only) is not supported on 64 bit. WordPerfect Bitmap is supported on 64 bit

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