

Updating *Adobe Camera Raw* For *Photoshop Elements 6 & 8* for Mac

Adobe Camera Raw is updated at least three or four times a year to provide support for new camera models as well as to fix any bugs and to include any new features. Here's the problem: the so-called Auto Update feature, well, doesn't!

Here is a brief set of instructions for *manually* updating your version of Adobe Camera Raw. Remember that this is for Macintosh users running *Photoshop Elements version 6 or 8*.

Checking Which Version of ACR You Are Currently Running

There are a couple of ways to do this: 1. When you are in the *Adobe Camera Raw* editor (within *Photoshop Elements*), the title bar at the top will indicate the version, or 2. In *Elements*, go to **menu:Photoshop Elements>About Plug-In>Camera Raw**. You will be presented with a splash screen showing you the version.



Downloading the Latest Version of ACR

Go to the *Adobe Photoshop Elements Updates Web Page*. Since the URL is rather long and unwieldy, I have generated a "Tiny URL" which is safe for you to use. This will take you there directly. Here is the URL: **<http://tinyurl.com/42j7p>**
Please email me (sandro@ImageMedic.com) if this is not working for you.

You will see a table broken down according to the version of *Elements* you are running. Click the appropriate *Adobe Camera Raw* update, and you will be linked to a page with important information about the update, including a list of the new cameras that are supported. Additionally, *the installation instructions will be included on this page*. Note that I am including the instructions here, written in a more "user friendly" style!

The link for the actual download will also be on this web page. Click on the DOWNLOAD NOW button to go to yet a final page before the real download begins. Your downloaded **.dmg** file will go into your Downloads Folder -- where you normally go for any of your downloads (the default location is inside your Home directory). With a typical home broadband internet connection, the download should take from one to five minutes.

Installing the New ACR Plug-in

1. Exit Photoshop Elements and Adobe Bridge (if also open).
2. Your Downloads Folder will contain the file you just downloaded (eg; "Camera_Raw_5_5.dmg"). This is a "disk image" file, so you need to double-click it to reveal its contents.



3. The contents typically consists of two files: the actual ACR Plug-in file, called "**Camera Raw.plugin**" and an installer package file called "**Cameraprofiles.mpkg**"



Camera Raw.plugin

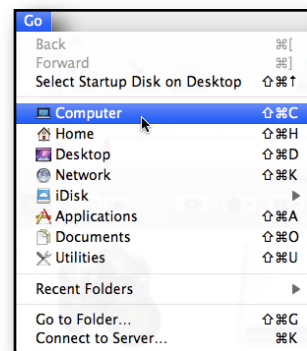
4. First, you need to update the new camera profiles. These are special files that describe the characteristics of particular cameras to *Elements*, in particular, how they format RAW images. Technically, you don't need to take this step if your camera is not on the list of the new supported cameras (which was on the Adobe web page when you clicked on the update link), or your camera is already supported. However, you just never know what "secret" updates and fixes Adobe includes in this installation package. It's been known to happen! I always just run this update.



cameraprofiles.mpkg

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5. Next, **For Version 6 users only!** You need to actually update the *Camera Raw* plugin. Start by navigating to what is known as the "root," or top level of your local hard disk. **Note that this is not your "Home" folder!** To get to the root, while in Finder, simply go to **menu:GO>COMPUTER**.



6. You will notice a Finder directory window come up that shows you your Mac's main directory - most likely a place you rarely, if at all, visit. It will show you icons representing you internal hard disk and any external drives you might have attached. It may show you your network if you are connected to one, any servers you are attached to, and any disk images that you have currently mounted (such as the one you downloaded and opened).



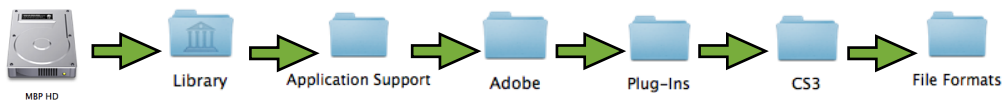
MBP HD



Library

7. Open the directory to your hard disk (by default, this is called "*Macintosh HD*," but you may have renamed it in the past. Mine here is called "MBP HD.") When you open it's directory, you are actually looking at the "root" directory of the hard disk drive. There, you will see a folder called "*Library*."

8. You now need to navigate to a specific folder a few levels down inside the root's *Library* folder. (if you understand Unix terminology, the "path" is: *Library/Application Support/Adobe/Plug-Ins/CS3/File Formats*). Inside *Library*, open the *Application Support* folder, then the *Adobe* folder, then the *Plug-Ins* folder, then the *CS3* folder, then the *File Formats* folder.... whew!! You made it!



9. Open the *File Formats* folder. Inside, you most likely will see your current *Adobe Camera Raw* plugin file. If you want to verify the version of this one, do a **menu:FILE>GET INFO**. Temporarily move this file onto your desktop, in case you need to restore it later.

10. Finally, copy or move the NEW "*Camera Raw.plugin*" file you downloaded into the *File Formats* folder.

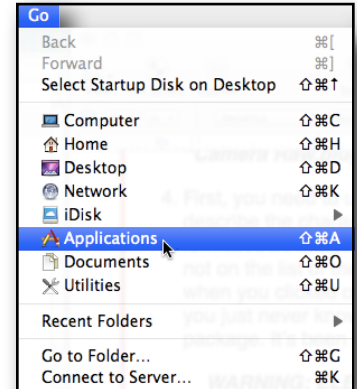
11. Close all your finder windows. Now you can restart Photoshop Elements and/or Bridge. And, you're done! **VERSION 6 USERS YOU'RE DONE!!**

THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS FOR ELEMENTS VERSION 8 USERS!

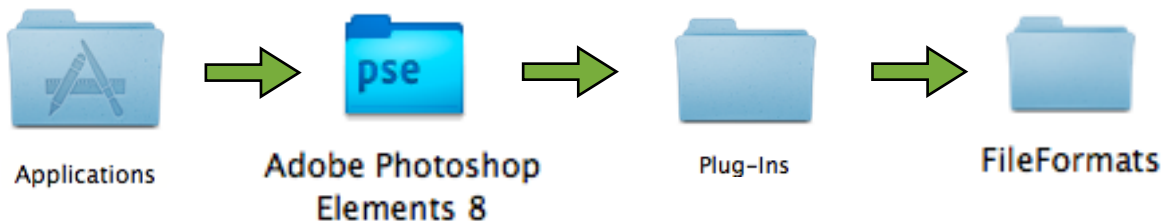
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5. Next, **For Version 8 users only!** You need to actually update the *Camera Raw* plugin. Start by navigating to your *Applications* folder. To get there, while in Finder, simply go to **menu:GO>APPLICATIONS**.

6. The *Applications* folder opens to reveal all the applications installed on your Mac. Locate the folder called *Adobe Photoshop Elements 8*, and open it.



7. Inside the *Adobe Photoshop Elements 8* folder, open the *Plug-ins* folder, then go to and open the *FileFormats* folder. (if you understand Unix terminology, the “path” is: *Macintosh HD/Applications/Adobe Photoshop Elements 8/Plug-Ins-FileFormats*).



8. Open the *FileFormats* folder. Inside, you most likely will see your current *Adobe Camera Raw* plugin file. If you want to verify the version of this one, do a **menu:FILE>GET INFO**. Temporarily move this file onto your desktop, in case you need to restore it later.

9. Finally, copy or move the NEW “*Camera Raw.plugin*” file you downloaded into the *FileFormats* folder.

10. Close all your finder windows. Now you can restart Photoshop Elements and/or Bridge. And, you’re done! **VERSION 8 USERS YOU’RE DONE!!**