



Nik Software

Color Efex Pro™ 3.0

Quick Start Guide

Welcome to Color Efex Pro 3.0 for Capture NX 2

Welcome to Nik Software Color Efex Pro 3.0 for Capture NX 2, the most advanced set of filters for digital photography. Color Efex Pro 3.0 filters are designed to make photographic enhancements not only easier, but better. Now the powerful filters of Color Efex Pro 3.0 are available for Capture NX 2.

Installation

Windows

1. Close all open applications.
2. Insert the Color Efex Pro 3.0 CD.
3. When the auto-run installer appears, click **Next** to begin installing Color Efex Pro 3.0.
4. Next, read the Read Me and accept the License Agreement.
5. When the installer is complete, click the **Finish** button to close the installer.

Macintosh

1. Close all open applications.
2. Insert the Color Efex Pro 3.0 CD.
3. Open the CD and double-click the **Color Efex Pro 3.0 Setup** file. When the Color Efex pro 3.0 installer appears, click **Next** to begin installation.
4. Next, read the Read Me and accept the License Agreement.
5. When the installer is complete, click the **Close** button to close the installer.

Accessing Color Efex Pro 3.0 inside Capture NX 2

1. Launch Capture NX 2.
2. Open the image that you would like to enhance.
3. Navigate to the **Filter** menu.
4. Roll over either the **Color Efex Pro 3.0: Stylizing** or **Color Efex Pro 3.0: Traditional** sub-menus
5. Select the filter you wish to apply to your image from this list.

Selectively Applying Color Efex Pro 3.0 Filters

All of the Color Efex Pro 3.0 filters can be applied selectively using the various selection tools found within Capture NX 2. A brief overview of the Selection Control Points, the Selection Brush, and the Selection Gradients can be found below.

Selection Control Point



Selection control points utilize U Point® technology to selectively apply the filter effect of the current step. You can use a selection control point to selectively apply any of the Color Efex Pro 3.0 filters.

Selection Brush Tools



The selection brush enables you to selectively paint-in or paint-out the filter effect in the current step. You can use the selection brush to achieve an artistic application of the filters.

Selection Gradient Tools



The selection gradient tools enable you to gradually blend between applying and removing the filter effect in the current step. There are two selection gradient tools to choose from, the Linear Gradient tool and the Radial Gradient tool.

Linear Gradient Tool



The linear gradient tool adds the current filter effect to the image with a gradual transition from applying to hiding the effect in a straight line.

Radial Gradient Tool



The radial gradient tool adds the current filter effect to the image in a circular pattern with a gradual transition from applying to hiding the effect radiating from a central point.



Updating from Color Efex Pro 2.0 for Capture NX

Color Efex Pro 3.0 for Capture NX 2 provides you with an option to update any NEF files that have Nik Color Efex Pro 2.0 filters applied so that you may edit and adjust the Color Efex Pro filters.

Color Efex Pro 3.0 NEF Update Tool

The Color Efex Pro 3.0 NEF Update Tool will convert any NEF files with Nik Color Efex Pro 2.0 filters applied into the corresponding Color Efex Pro 3.0 filters with equivalent filter settings. Using the Update Tool attempts to achieve the same filter effect and allows modification to the filter's settings.

Note: As the filter algorithms were changed slightly within Color Efex Pro 3.0 to provide greater control and quality, the exact same filter effect may not be possible.

Using the Color Efex Pro 3.0 NEF Update Tool

To convert NEF files that contain Nik Color Efex Pro 2.0 for Capture NX filters to Color Efex Pro 3.0 for Capture NX 2 compatible filters, follow these steps:

1. Launch the Update Tool. The Update Tool will either be accessible through the following methods.

Windows

Start Menu > Programs > Color Efex Pro 3.0 for Capture NX 2

Macintosh

Macintosh HD : Library : Application Support : Nikon : Capture NX 2: Color Efex Pro 3.0

2. Drag one or more NEF files or folders containing NEF files into the application window. Alternatively, click within the application window to open a file dialog window to locate the files to be converted.
3. Click the **Start Update** button to start converting the NEF files.
4. Each NEF file will be updated adding a new version with the Nik Color Efex Pro 2.0 for Capture NX filter applied.

After the conversion process has completed, you are presented with the results of the conversion process. Files that had a warning or that failed are displayed, enabling you to review the images and resolve any issues before running the Update Tool again.

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