SILVERFAST 8.8 WITH NEW FEATURES

With the release of SilverFast version 8.8, LaserSoft Imaging, a leading manufacturer of scanner and image editing software, complements its software with interesting new features. We present the most important innovations.

SilverFast 8.8 is not a „Major Release". This means, owners of a current SilverFast 8.x version can update to the new version 8.8 for free.

The most innovative new feature is likely to be the SRDx tool, for which the manufacturer subtitles "The dust and scratch removal of a new generation". Until now, hardware-based tools like iSRD or ICE were required for an effective detection and removal of image defects. These tools utilize the scanner's infrared channel to detect defects, for which then corrections are automatically calculated.

This technique works very well, but often comes up to its limits. The emulsions of monochrome and Kodachrome films, for example, contain so-called silver halides and therefore make a precise infrared scanning impossible. And in general, photographic prints and images, which are already digitized, can not be optimized in this way at all.
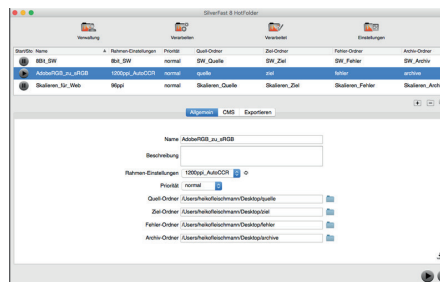
SilverFast SRDx is software-based and thus works without the infrared channel data. Therefore, the algorithms must be programmed in a way to be able to distinguish between defects and image details. The auto setting detects dust and scratch artifacts quickly and reliably. In addition, the premium versions Ai Studio 8.8 and HDR Studio 8.8 contain further expert functionality, which greatly simplifies the work.

The software now also features a special History functionality. Each single editing step is visually represented by displaying a small thumbnail and each step can be enabled or disabled by setting or removing a check mark. Using the History you can easily get to

The History feature records all processing steps. Thus, the effect of every SilverFast tool can be assessed retrospectively.

know the effect of each tool and find the best settings for your image optimization.

Using the SilverFast ColorServer, all recurring tasks having the same specifications can be processed automatically.

The new ColorServer is recommended to all users, who want to comfortably convert a large number of images. It provides automatic processing according to the user's specifications. The setup possibilities for the automatic processing are almost endless: You can specify parameters like resolution and image size as well as various file formats. You can also adjust any filter setting (color correction, sharpness settings, gradation changes, etc.). Even color space conversions can be processed fully automated.

Therefore, the user simply specifies his image optimizations for an "Input Folder", which in the background is being monitored by SilverFast. If any image files are moved to this

folder, SilverFast immediately converts these images according to the rules defined by the user. The processed files are stored in a corresponding "Output Folder". This tool is likely to be very interesting especially for photographers, photo studios, image archives and graphic design agencies.

Conclusion: With the new version 8.8, SilverFast offers substantial feature improvements for its dust and scratch removal and for the scanning process as well as overall workflow enhancements. To its customers, LaserSoft Imaging provides this update free of charge. It is gratifying to see this Northern German software company considers sustainable customer loyalty before short-term revenues.

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The new SRDx feature automatically removes dust and scratch artifacts from film and photographic prints. The left half of the image shows the result.

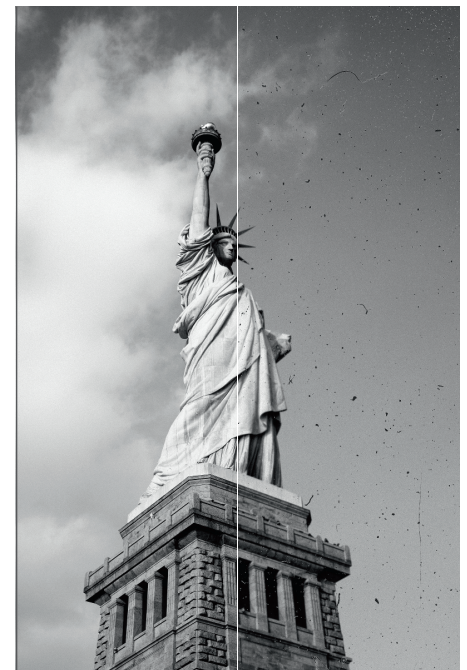## SILVERFAST 8.8 OVERVIEW

SRDx Software-based Dust and Scratch Removal
included with all SilverFast versions from 8.8

History Functionality Return to prior processing steps
included with SilverFast Ai Studio 8.8 and HDR Studio 8.8

ColorServer Automatically process and optimize large amounts of images
optionally available for SilverFast HDR Studio 8.8