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SilverFast revives Heidelberg High-End Scanners

Heidelberg high-end scanners get updated by SilverFast Ai STUDIO to run under the lastest Windows and Macintosh operating systems.

Kiel, Germany. – June 21, 2006 – LaserSoft Imaging once again, building on its advanced line of award winning scanning/imaging software, is releasing SilverFast with new support for the high-end Heidelberg Nexscan series. This is a breakthrough for those companies who originally purchased these legendary workhorses only to run into difficulties when Heidelberg dropped its interest in the scanning market and discontinued support.

This professional level software breathes new life into these high quality scanners and provides a current workflow solution to the thousands of units still in operation today. With SilverFast Ai Studio, it is now possible to integrate these scanners with the new high powered Macs and PC's running the most current software to date, such as OSX – Tiger.

The Topaz and Nexscan packages are similar with their inclusion of Ai Studio with IT8 calibration, HDR Studio for 48 bit processing, a 6x7 cm transparency IT8 target, a 5x7 in. reflective IT8 target (both have barcodes for automatic data reference linking), SilverFast: the Official Guide, and the SilverFast manual. Also included is a SCSI card that is tested for your specific application and set up.

A 2 year premium support subscription can be purchased separately for the Nexscan and Topaz which includes:

- Premium web based technical support with one business day reply time guaranteed.
- Telephone hotline with call back service.
- 2 years of free updates with installation support. As a subscriber, receive the most current version, QuickTiime movies and documentation on a CD.

The combination of SilverFast Ai Studio and HDR Studio offer an exceptionally productive workflow. With the ability to capture the full 48 bit dynamic range of each image, the operator can then choose between editing the file directly in the scanning software or storing them as the new lossless compression format – JPEG 2000. The stored files, which are saved with the unique HiRePP (High Resolution Picture Performance), can then be handed off to another workstation anywhere (without a scanner connection) and batch processed using the timesaving Job Manager.

This workflow allows for considerable flexibility when scheduling production times for scanner operators and color specialists. The options could be set up for:

- One operator working on one station. The operator would scan and edit 48 bit files in SilverFast Ai Studio using batch scanning and the Job Manager.
- Two operators working on two stations. One operator would scan straight 48 bit files with no correction and store as JPEG 2000 with HiRePP. The second operator would then work on these files using SilverFast HDR along with the Job Manager.

These scanners still represent a value as they are still considered to be some of the best scanning devices ever produced. All that is needed to regain that value is the addition of some new tools to enhance the capabilities it was once purchased for. "If you have a "67 Camaro that is in good condition and the motor just needs a tune up, you don't just throw away the whole car. Why? Because it has value and can still produce the performance qualities for those who know how to drive it and can appreciate what it can do."

The tune up in this case would be the SilverFast software and all the powerful functions and features it provides:

- IT8 Calibration & ICC Profiler
- 48 bit HDR full dynamic range lossless compressed output
- SCC® Selective Color Correction with Layers
- ACR® Adaptive Color Restoration
- HiRePP® High Resolution Picture Performance
- NegaFix® 120 profiles for Negative Film Optimization
- Automatic Descreening
- SRD® Smart Removal of Defects
- MidPip® 4 Advanced Color Cast Removal
- Automatic Highlight, Midtone and Shadow adjustment
- SC2G® Selective Color to Grey Conversion
- SilverFast JobManager®
- Powerful Print/Layout Functions with PrinTao
- Soft Proof for RGB/RGB & RGB/CMYK

LaserSoft Imaging continues in its efforts to find and present the best possible solutions to customers worldwide. The outcome should always be high quality products that allow users to be more productive while achieving maximum results.

About the Company: LaserSoft Imaging was founded in 1986 by physicist Karl-Heinz Zahorsky who developed the concept of SilverFast in Kiel, Germany. Today SilverFast is regarded as the standard software for scanners and digital cameras for both beginners and professionals. SilverFast is bundled with major manufacturers such as Canon, Epson, HP, Leica Camera, Mediax, Pentacon (Praktica), Plustek, Quatographic, Reflecta, SAMSUNG, UMAX and others.