



# RAW Power 3.0 for iOS

Professional RAW Editor for iOS and iCloud Photo Library (v3.0)

The screenshot displays the RAW Power 3.0 application interface on an iPad. The main screen shows a grid of thumbnail images from the user's photo library, including various landscapes, animals, and people. Each thumbnail includes a file name label below it. A blue button labeled "On My iPad" is visible above the grid. At the top, there are navigation icons for "Files" and "Select". A "Filtering" menu is open in the bottom right corner, containing the following options:

- Rating ≥ × ★★★★★
- Flagged: Yes
- RAW Only: Yes
- Edited: Yes

A "Clear Filters" button is located at the bottom right of the filter menu.

# NEW FEATURES IN VERSION 3.0

RAW Power 3.0 adds the following features (described in detail below):

- Files.app support lets you use the app without touching your Photo library.
- New Copy to RAW Power share extension makes it easy to add photos from other apps to the "Files" part of RAW Power (more details below)
- Rating (a five-star system) and flagging which can sync over iCloud Photo Library.
- Filtering by edit state, file type, rating, and flag
- New Adjustments:
  - LUTs - many are included, and you can import your own.
  - New Channel Mixer Adjustment
  - New Levels Adjustment with Auto Levels
  - New Tools "adjustment"
  - Auto Enhance
  - Auto White Balance
  - Auto Levels and Auto Curves have White and Black clipping preferences
  - Auto Curves, Auto Levels, and Auto White Balance can be saved into presets or pasted
- Editing UI Refinements to save space and accelerate editing
- Miscellaneous Improvements
  - One-tap access to the Halide camera app
  - Improved layout of Info in portrait screen orientations
  - Batch select in grid by dragging finger across images
  - Show / Hide sections of Album view and Library inspector
  - Significantly Improved batch processing performance

# INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing RAW Power. RAW Power is the first RAW-focused app that can read and modify the iOS Photo Library and iCloud Photo Library. As a result, it allows you to organize your library and edit images, including RAW images on iOS. Any changes you make with RAW Power are immediately applied to the iOS Photo Library and synchronized over iCloud Photo Library (if you are using it).

RAW Power is designed to adjust RAW images, but you can use RAW Power on a wide range of formats, including JPEGs and PNGs. All adjustments are non-destructive, which means your original file is never modified; the adjustments are applied in real-time using your iPhone's or iPad's graphics card. RAW Power performs all of its adjustments in a wide gamut color space, using floating point for maximum precision.

RAW Power uses Apple's RAW engine to decode images, so any image you open in RAW Power looks the same as it would in Photos for Mac or Aperture. In contrast, Photos for iOS does not decode RAW images at all. Instead, it displays and edits the camera-generated ("embedded") JPEG stored within the RAW file. This is one of RAW Power's key advantages. The app supports hundreds of RAW camera formats, as well as iPhone RAW images and most DNGs.

You can watch video tutorials of RAW Power on YouTube at:

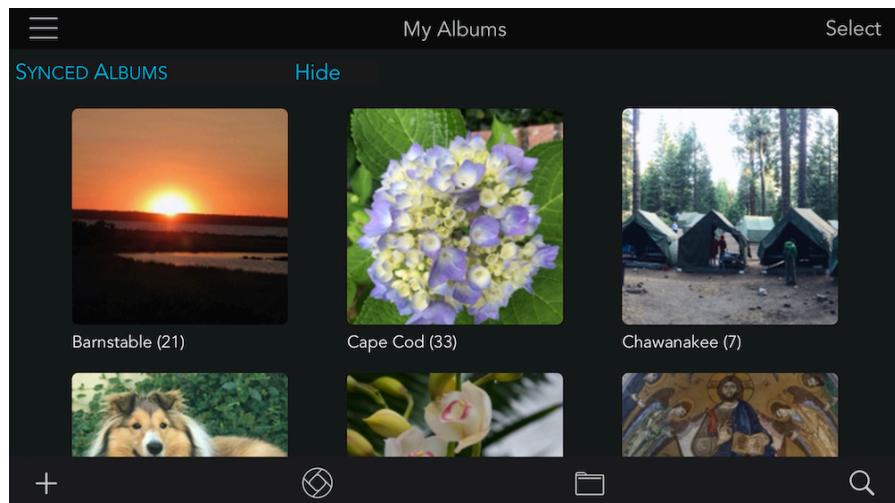
[<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I78rOzFxaHG-e5AT-MGWQ>](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7I78rOzFxaHG-e5AT-MGWQ).

# FILES VS. PHOTO LIBRARY

When RAW Power first opens, it asks if you want to start by viewing the Photo library or Files.app. Most features work the same whichever you pick, so it is your preference. The key difference is that Photo Library changes are visible to all apps and work with iCloud Photos. When you work with the Files app, all changes are stored on your device and do not sync over iCloud. However, just as with Photos, you can edit non-destructively and rate, flag, and filter images. You can also easily switch between the Files and Photos storage areas by tapping a button at the bottom of the screen.

## ALBUM VIEW

The album view is the first view that appears when browsing the Photo library. It displays your built-in (system) albums, any albums you have created on the Mac or iOS, shared iCloud Albums and albums synced from your Mac. In this Album view, you can create, rename, and delete albums (except built-in albums).



On the top row from the left are the following controls: Menu with more options, and Select to choose albums to rename or delete. On the bottom row are the following controls: Add a new album, Open the Halide camera app, Switch to Files, and Search for an album by name.

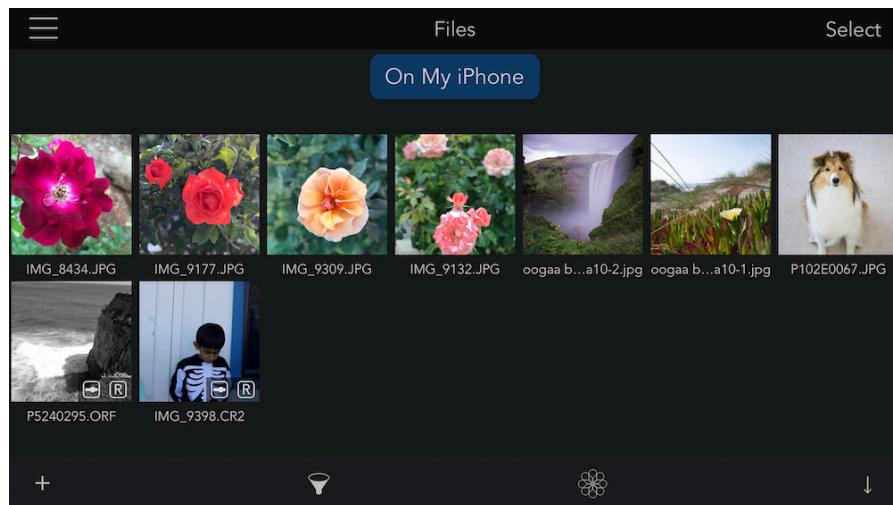
The Main menu at the upper left of the screen provides access to Frequently Asked Questions, the feedback email form, and more. As you use RAW Power, a new section called Recents will

appear at the top of the screen. In that section, RAW Power displays albums you have recently looked at, as well as images you have recently viewed, edited, or shared. If you have folders in your Photo library, they will appear here. You can tap on them to look inside. In that case, a Back button will appear to allow you to return to the previous level.

Tap any album to view the Photo Grid, discussed below.

## FILES VIEW

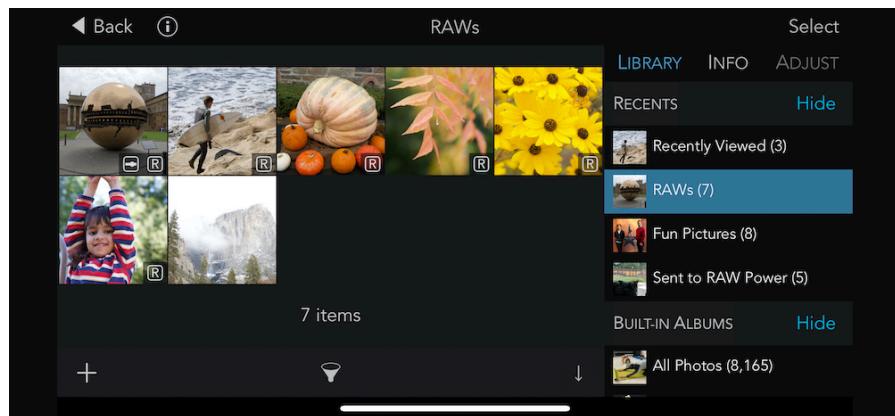
The Files view is the main view that appears when working with images stored in the Files app. There are no folders - this is a flat view only and there is currently no support for files stored on iCloud Drive.



On the top row from the left are the following controls: Menu with more options, and Select to choose images to share, delete or apply batch processing to. On the bottom row are the following controls: Import images, Filter images by various criteria, Switch to Photos, and Change the sorting order. Tap on any image to go to the 1-up View (described later).

# PHOTO GRID VIEW

The Photo Grid shows you all of the photos and videos in the currently selected album. This is similar to the Files view but has some more options.

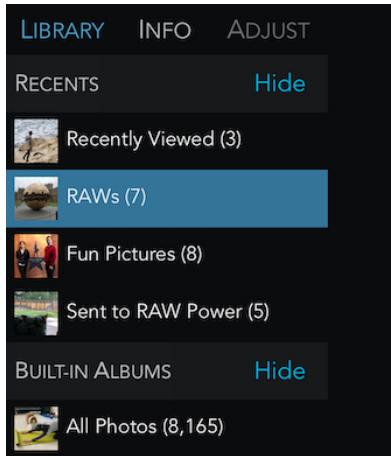


At the top are the following controls: Back to the previous view, Show the Inspector (only visible when the device is in landscape orientation), and Select images. You can select images for many operations including: adding to albums, sharing, removing from albums, deleting from the library, and batch processing (described later). Generally, you can remove images from albums you create, but not from built-in albums (like All Photos or Panoramas) - for those albums you would need to delete the images from the library entirely. On the bottom row are the following controls: Add an Album, Filter images by four criteria, and change the sorting order.

## INSPECTOR

The Inspector includes three tabs: Library, Info, and Adjust.

**Library:** this is a column version of the Album View; it allows you to jump from album to album without needing to return to the album view. It's very handy when trying to find an image across a variety of albums. You also use the Library tab when adding images to albums.

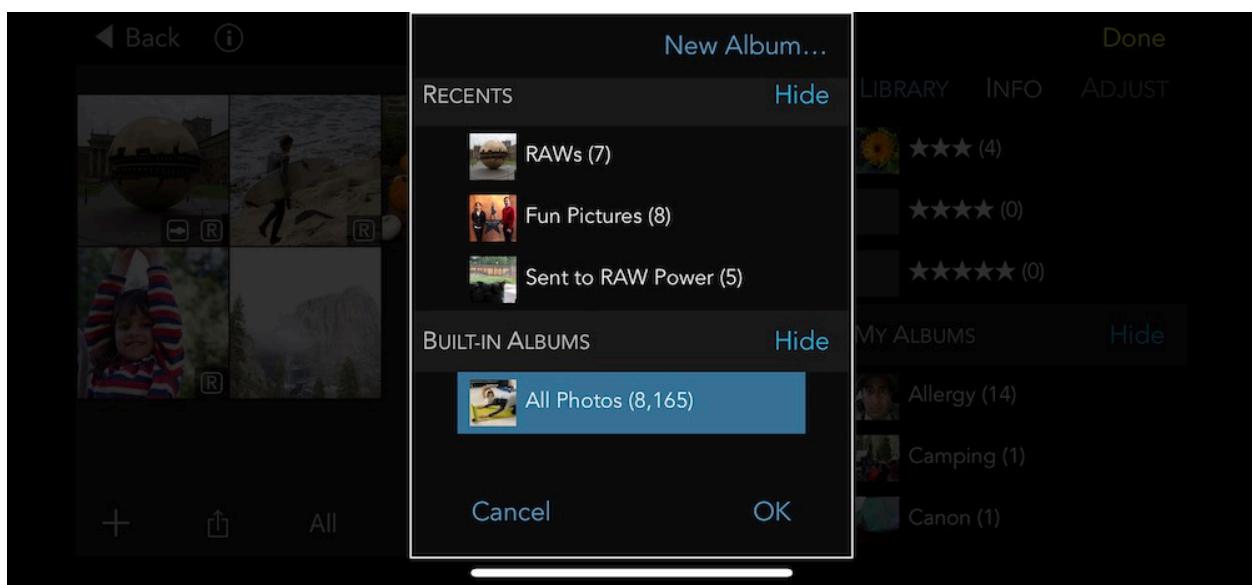


**Info:** this shows summary information about albums when in the Photo Grid. In the 1-Up view (described below), it shows the current photo's metadata.

**Adjust:** used in 1-up for editing images (discussed below).

You can move the Inspector to the right side of the screen by dragging it with your finger. Tap and hold on one of the three tabs (Library, Info, or Adjust) and drag to the other side of the screen. Note: The Inspector is only visible when the device is oriented horizontally (landscape).

There are two ways to add images to albums. The first is to use the "+" button described above. If you do, you will see the following dialog:



You can tap on an existing album or tap the New Album button at the top to create an album and the images to it. Alternatively, you can use "Drag and Drop", which is a gesture added to iOS 11. This gesture can take a little practice to master. Here are the steps to add images to an album:

- 1) Tap and hold on an image.

- 2) Move your finger slightly while touching the screen so that the image also moves. This starts the drag gesture.
- 3) Tap using your other fingers (on either hand) to add more images to the drag.
- 4) Drag your finger on the screen to the target album.
- 5) Release.

## BATCH PROCESSING

RAW Power has the ability to work with multiple photos at once. You can do the following actions with batch processing:

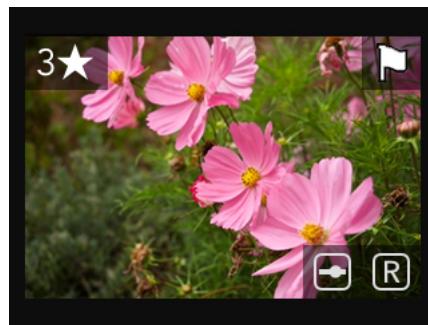
- 1) Flag or Remove Flag
- 2) Auto Enhance
- 3) Apply Preset
- 4) Revert to Original
- 5) Paste the adjustments from the last image you edited
- 6) Generate Full size JPEG previews from RAW images
- 7) Export a collection of images at various sizes and with control over the file names

To use batch processing go to the Photo Grid View and tap Select. You can then tap on images to select them or use the "All" button at the bottom of the screen. Then tap the "Batch" button. The commands are self-explanatory except the last one. Generate RAW Previews is useful if your camera creates small embedded JPEGs for your RAW images. Many cameras still do this (including Sony, Leica and others). Because the embedded JPEG is displayed by default in RAW Power as well as Photos and other apps, you may wish to replace those with full-size renders from the RAW. To do this, select the images and tap Generate RAW Previews. This can take a while. Please note the following: 1) this command only applies to unadjusted RAW images. JPEGs and adjusted images have full-size previews already. 2) in order to do this, RAW Power must mark the image as "edited". As a result, if you edit the image in Photos or another app, you will be working with the JPEG, not the RAW. However, if you edit the image in RAW Power, you will have access to the RAW data.

## RATING, FLAGS, AND FILTERING

RAW Power includes the ability to rate images on a 5-star rating scale. You can also set a flag on images to mark them as a reminder or for any other purpose you choose. If you are using the Photos library with RAW Power, then RAW Power will create albums in the Photo library for each star rating and for flagged images. Those albums are visible in Photos, and also sync over iCloud Photos. This also means you can rate and flag images on iOS and, using iCloud Photos, see them if you use RAW Power for macOS.

This information is drawn as badges on the image thumbnails as shown below:



In addition, you can filter your folders or albums on this data. Click the Filter button in the toolbar, where you can see the following controls:



You can filter by rating, flag, file type, and editing state. You can choose the comparison to use for rating by tapping on the operator next to the word "Rating." Filters are saved per album, but they do not synchronize over iCloud Photos.

# 1-UP VIEW

Tap on an image in the Photo Grid to enter 1-Up View:

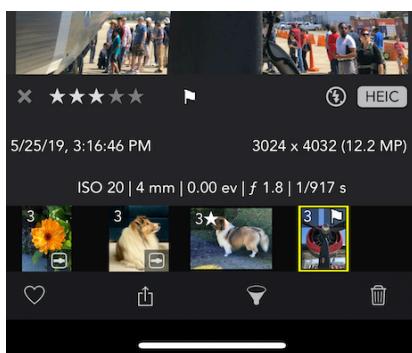


In this view, you can filter, share, favorite, edit or delete images. There is a thumbnail strip at the bottom to access other images in the album. When the inspector is visible, metadata about the photo is shown in the Info tab, including file name, flash status, file type, shooting information, camera and lens.

You can rate and flag images in this view three different ways: you can tap on the rating and flag controls in the Info area; you can swipe your finger up on the image (ratings on the left half of the screen and flag on the right half of the screen); or use the keyboard. Pressing the numbers 0-5 will set that star rating, 9 is reject, and back-slash ("\") sets or clears the flag. You can press and hold the Command key on the keyboard to see all the shortcuts.

Rating and flagging information are also visible and you can change the rating and flag by tapping directly on them. If the photo has GPS information, a map is also displayed with the address.

In vertical screen orientation, the 1-up view looks different:



You have the same controls for sharing, filtering and more. However, there is no inspector. Instead there is an info view with a summary of the photo metadata, as well as the rating and flag state. Tap on the metadata to shrink or expand the view.

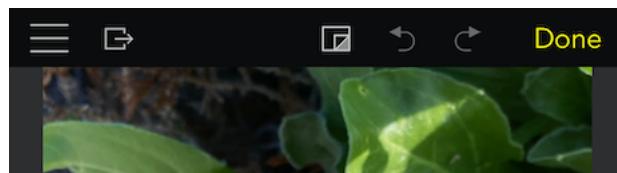
You can pinch the image to zoom, or double tap to jump to 100% zoom. You can zoom up to 800% in RAW Power. Tap on the image to enter or exit Full Screen mode.

## SHARING

RAW Power includes two Sharing extensions which help with adding images to RAW Power. The first is called “Send to RAW Power.” This extension will appear in other apps that can share images. If you select this extension, it will add the image(s) to the Photo library and place them in a special album called “Sent to RAW Power.” That makes the image(s) easier to find. The second extension is called “Copy to RAW Power” and appears on a different row when you tap the Share icon in an app. This second extension adds the image(s) to the Files storage in RAW Power. This extension makes it easy to get images into the Files part of RAW Power from other apps. You don’t need to use this extension when using Files.app itself. Just tap the + button in RAW Power and pick the images from Files directly. Both extensions will open RAW Power when they finish working. If you send a single image, then the extensions will open the image in the Edit view. Otherwise, they will display a grid view.

## EDIT VIEW

RAW Power’s image adjustments appear in the Adjust Tab. Adjustments are undoable and non-destructive; RAW Power never modifies your original file.



In the upper left of the screen is the Adjustment menu which contains additional options and help on each adjustment. Next to the menu is the Export button. On the right side of the top bar are the following buttons: Show Original which lets you view the image without edits; Undo and Redo; and the Done button which saves your editing information. You can revert your edits at any time in either RAW Power or Photos.

If you have the device held vertically, the adjustments are listed in a row on the bottom of the screen, as shown here:



Tap the icons to switch which adjustment is displayed. RAW Power displays an initial set of “default adjustments.” You can add additional adjustments by tapping the last icon. To change the list of default adjustments, tap the menu that appears in the upper right of each adjustment as shown below:

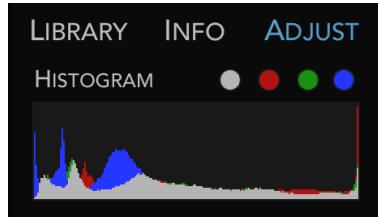


When you hold the device in landscape orientation, the adjustments appear in a vertical list, along with the histogram, so you can see more than one adjustment at a time.

## HISTOGRAM

The histogram shows the distribution of color values in the image (after any adjustments applied). In addition to color distribution, histograms are useful for assessing image characteristics like overall contrast and the extent of clipping. In landscape orientation, the

histogram can be hidden by tapping on the word “Histogram” or using the Tools adjustment (discussed below). When the screen is held vertically, the histogram appears as a floating view over the image.



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*TIP: If you encounter slow performance, try hiding the histogram.*

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The circles next to the word “Histogram” are clipping indicators. They are computed continuously and indicate whether the image has “clipped data,” that is, data too bright to be displayed and would be lost upon conversion to a JPEG. The gray circle indicates if the image has clipped luminance data. The red, green, and blue circles indicate which pixels are clipped in each of those channels, respectively. If a clipping circle is black, there are no clipped pixels in that channel; in the above histogram picture, the image is clipped in all channels and in luminance overall.

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*Luminance is a weighted average of red, green, and blue that corresponds to the way the human eye responds to light. Because the human eye is more sensitive to green, the luminance equation gives more weight to green, than it does to red or blue.*

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When you tap on the clipping circles, you enable overlays which show you which pixels are potentially too bright or too dark. Below is an unadjusted RAW image.



The waves in the middle of the image are overexposed and lack detail. In addition, part of the cliff face is very dark and also lacks detail.

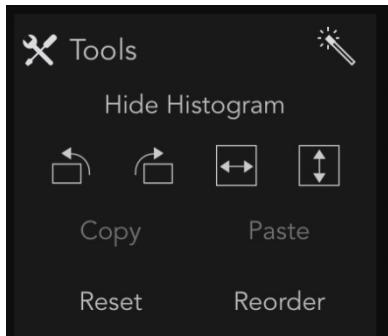
If you click the gray clipping indicator, you will see this:



The red pixels indicate over-exposed areas and the blue indicates “cold” or black pixels. If you click on the red, green, or blue indicators, you will see just the pixels that are clipped in those channels. Those indicators do not show cold pixels, as that feature is unique to the gray (luminance) control.

# TOOLS

In the Tools section are a number of commonly used features. At the top is **Auto Enhance** (magic wand). To get a quick improvement to your photos, use the RAW Power Auto Enhance. Auto Enhance has been tuned to improve a wide range of photos and can address the following issues:



- Overexposure and Underexposure
- White Balance
- Poor contrast
- Dullness of colors

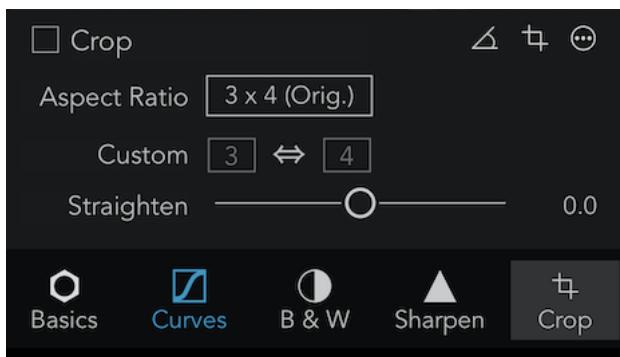
The RAW Power Auto Enhance is unique in its ability to handle overexposed images. It also includes a special white balancer which uses face detection. All of the changes made to your image by Auto Enhance are visible in the edit interface, and you can adjust or turn off any or all of them. In addition, you can apply Auto Enhance to many images at the same time. To do this, exit Edit. Then select the images in the Grid and use the menus (or contextual menus) to select Apply Auto Enhance. This operation is undoable.

By default, Auto Enhance uses Curves to make some of its improvements. If you prefer to use Levels, go to the RAW Power section of the Settings app.

Also, in Tools are controls to show and hide the Histogram, rotate and flip images, copy and paste adjustments, reset adjustments and reorder the list of adjustments to better suit your particular way of adjusting images. Reordering does not affect the appearance of images – it only changes the order they appear in the user interface.

# CROP AND STRAIGHTEN

RAW Power combines Crop and Straighten into a single adjustment.

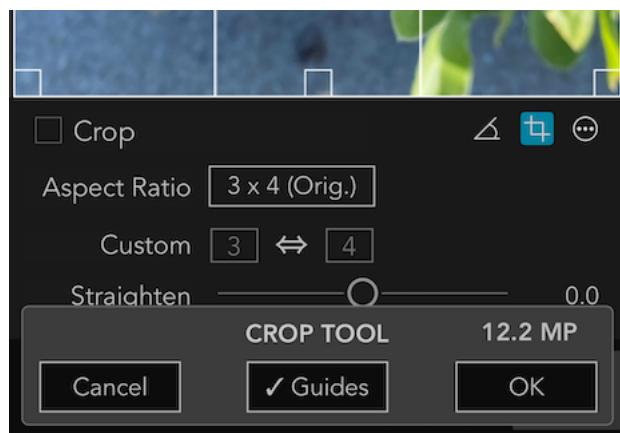


**Aspect Ratio:** This popup allows you to constrain the crop to a specific aspect ratio. There are also options for Freeform (unconstrained) and Custom aspect ratios. When Custom is selected in the popup, the Custom fields immediately below the popup become enabled.

**Straighten:** This slider allows you to rotate the image from -20 degrees to +20 degrees.

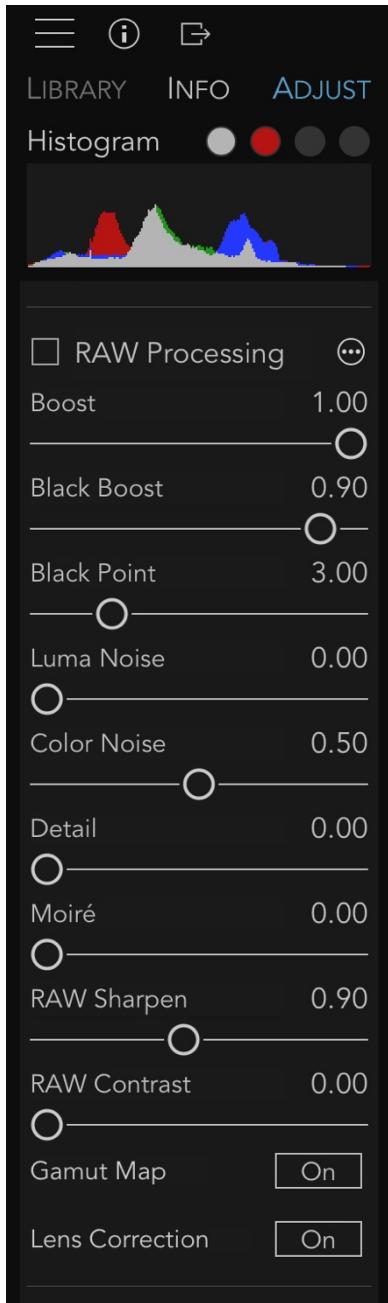
**Straighten Tool:** This tool allows you to draw a line on the image to straighten it. This makes it easy to align the image by using a horizon, wall or other straight feature. A panel appears when the tool is engaged showing the current angle.

**Crop Tool:** With the Crop Tool, you can drag and position the crop box. A panel appears with the megapixel size and a checkbox to show / hide rule-of-third guidelines. If the megapixel size appears in red, then the cropped image will be smaller than 2 megapixels, which is fewer pixels than in a standard HD television set.



# RAW PROCESSING

RAW Processing is the adjustment at the heart of RAW Power, providing unique control over Apple's RAW Engine. All of the sliders are GPU-accelerated and real-time, so adjustments



appear as soon as you move a slider. There are a few older cameras that don't have access to all of the below controls, but most do. Support for new cameras comes from Apple through software updates. As of this writing, the list of supported cameras (and any limitations) is at:

<https://support.apple.com/en-jp/HT210191>. Support for cameras is essentially identical between macOS and iOS.

**Note:** The RAW Processing adjustment only appears if you are adjusting a RAW image.

**Boost:** this slider controls the "look" of the RAW image. By default, RAW images can look very flat and lack contrast or "punch." Boost provides that contrast and punch. In general, this makes well-exposed images look good, but if you want the most control over your RAW images, decrease Boost to 0.5 or shut it off entirely by setting it to 0.0.

**Black Boost:** this slider adjusts the bottom or "black" end of the boost curve, allowing you to manipulate the darker parts of the image.

**Luma Noise, Color Noise, Detail:** These three sliders are part of Apple's RAW noise reduction. Luma Noise controls the black-and-white noise in the image. The Color Noise slider controls the colorful speckles that appear in noisy images. Sometimes applying strong noise reduction can cause the image to look flat or "plasticky." If that happens, consider increasing the value of the Detail slider. It restores some "grain" to the image to make it look more natural.

**RAW Sharpen and RAW Contrast:** RAW Sharpen is a subtle form of capture sharpening which works at the Bayer mosaic level. RAW Contrast is a type of local contrast (which can look like sharpening). RAW Contrast generally has a lot stronger effect than RAW Sharpen. Both are image-dependent — the characteristics of the image greatly affect how these sliders operate and affect the default values of those sliders.

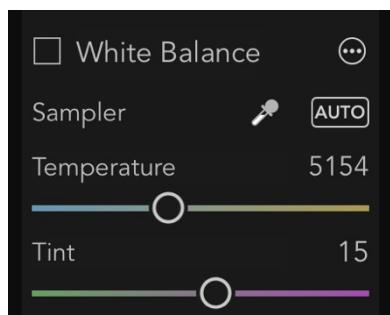
**Gamut Mapping:** In its final processing step, Apple's RAW engine ensures colors do not exceed the range of the working color space (Adobe RGB or P3). This is called Gamut Mapping. Colors that are near or outside the limit of that color space are changed to fit within the gamut. Without gamut mapping, colors that exceed the limit of the gamut will be clipped. Gamut Mapping usually provides good results but having control over gamut mapping is helpful in some situations. For example, sometimes you may want the colors to be clipped rather than mapped because you prefer the appearance. Or, you may want to use other filters in RAW Power to bring the colors back into gamut.

**Lens Correction:** Apple's RAW engine can correct for distortion and shading (vignette) in cameras with fixed lenses. RAW Power automatically applies this correction. It does not correct images for most cameras with interchangeable lenses (e.g., DSLRs). In RAW Power 2.0, you also can disable automatic lens correction. This feature exists because lens correction can affect overall sharpness.

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Double tap any slider or its title to reset it to its default value.  
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## WHITE BALANCE

White Balance adjusts the image's color balance and tint. The app includes both Auto White Balance and a manual sampler.



**Temperature:** This slider controls the color temperature of the image, expressed degrees Kelvin, where lower temperatures result in a bluer image and higher temperatures in a redder image.

**Tint:** This slider tints the image along, usually in conjunction with the temperature slider.

You can also use the sampler button to white balance. To do this, tap the sampler button, then click a neutral gray in your image. Do not tap on a bright white area; you should select an area that is uniform in color and that you want to appear gray.

If you drag the sampler on the image, the white balance values will update continuously until you release the mouse button (this depends on the performance of your device - slower devices are not able to continuously sample).

## TONE

The Tone adjustment allows you to control the brightness of the image. There are four related controls in the Tone adjustment.



**Exposure:** this slider controls the brightness of every pixel. Setting the value to 1.0 makes every pixel twice as bright. At 2.0, every pixel is four times as bright. Moving the slider to -1.0 makes every pixel half as bright.

**Highlights:** this slider darkens just the brightest pixels of the image.

**Shadows:** this slider brightens the darker pixels of the image.

**Recovery:** this slider works like a "selective exposure". Only the brightest pixels are affected, but unlike highlights, it adjusts the brightness just like exposure. Sometimes you will get better results with Recovery and other times Highlights will work better (or a combination).

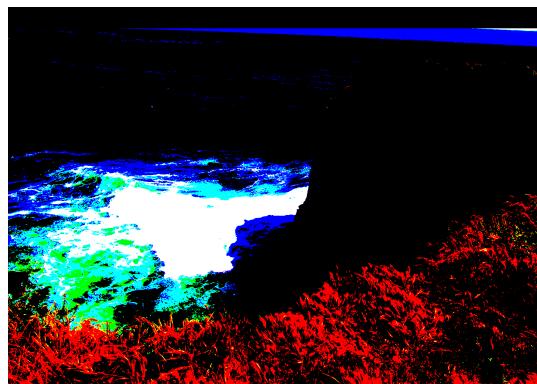
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*If you have an overexposed image, the following can give good results quickly: Boost = 0.5; Recovery = 0.5, Shadows = 0.3. You can then fine tune the results.*

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Tap the Multichannel Clipping Overlay to show another type of clipping indicator. For Exposure, Recovery and Highlights, the indicator draws black for pixels that aren't clipped, and draws red, green, blue, or a mix of those colors for clipped pixels. For example, if a pixel is clipped in red, you will see red. If it's clipped in red and green, it draws yellow, because yellow = red + green. If it's clipped in all three channels, you will see white. This technique replaces

every pixel in the image, unlike the hot pixel overlay. Here is an example image with the overlay enabled.



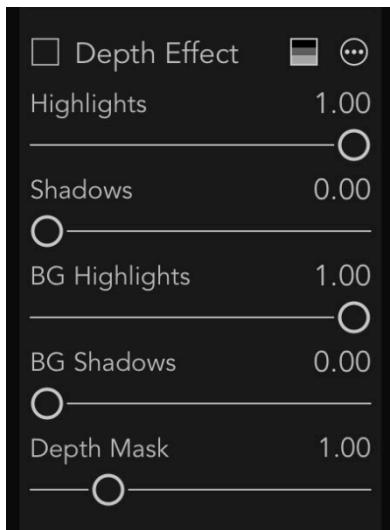
If the overlay is enabled while changing the Shadows slider, RAW Power will show pixels that are at 0.0 in each channel. Thus, blue indicates that the pixel's blue channel is 0 and yellow means the pixel's red and green channels are both zero. Because it gets complicated when more than one channel is either 0.0 or 1.0, below is a chart that describes what pixels are drawn in each multi-channel case.

Pixel Shown	Channels that are clipped
Yellow	Red and Green
Cyan	Green and Blue
Magenta	Red and Blue
White	Red, Green and Blue

## DEPTH EFFECT

The Depth Effect adjustment is available for images shot with the iOS camera in portrait mode. The adjustment allows you to adjust the highlights and shadows of the background and

foreground independently. It also provides control over the definition of foreground and background by manipulating the depth mask.



**Highlights:** darkens the brightest pixels in the foreground.

**Shadows:** brightens the darkest pixels in the foreground.

**BG Highlights:** darkens the brightest pixels in the background.

**BG Shadows:** brightens the darkest pixels in the background.

**Depth:** controls what the other sliders consider foreground and background. Sliding it to the left makes more of the image "foreground" and sliding to the right makes more of the image "background". So, if you move the slider all the way to the left, the entire image is considered "foreground" and the two background sliders have no effect. If you move the slider all the way to the right, then very little of the image will be affected by

the foreground sliders, while most will be affected by the background sliders.

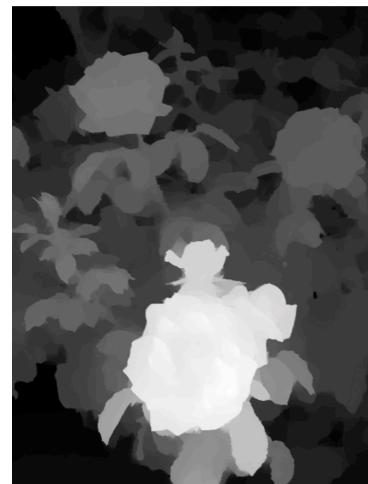
If you tap the Depth Overlay (top, next to the adjustment menu), you will see an overlay of the depth mask itself. Here is an example depth mask at its default value and with the depth slider at 5.0. Lighter shades of gray denote foreground and darker shades denote background.



Original Image



Depth Mask, Depth = 1.0



Depth Mask, Depth = 5.0

# BASICS

The Basics adjustment provides some simple, familiar tools.



**Brightness:** makes the image brighter or darker using a gamma function. A gamma function ignores black pixels and white pixels, but all other pixels are made darker or lighter depending on the value of the slider.

**Contrast:** this is a simple contrast slider to make an image look more or less “punchy.” While this is a simple tool to use, consider using Curves for precise control (discussed below).

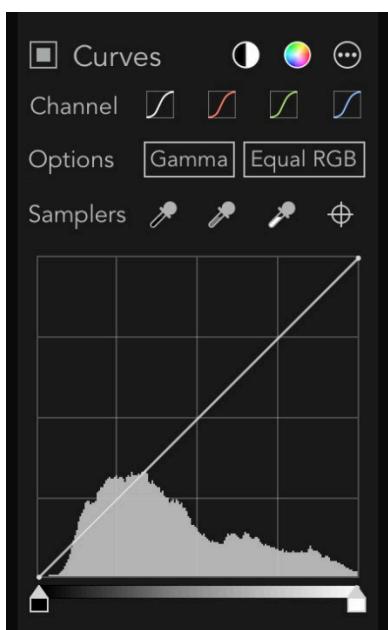
**Saturation:** this slider controls the richness of colors in the image. Be careful with this slider when people are present in the image, as it can make skin look orange. Moving the slider to the extreme left creates a simple black and white image (“fully desaturated”)

**Vibrancy:** this slider is related to saturation but doesn’t affect skin tones. As a result, it is a better choice for images with people in them but may not provide the best results for sunset images.

# CURVES

Curves is a very powerful adjustment that allows precise manipulation of pixel data. Curves can be thought of as a custom adjustment where you precisely describe the effect on each channel

of each pixel. Each curve expresses a mathematical equation. The X coordinate is the input value, and the Y coordinate is the output value. In other words,  $y = f(x)$ . By default, the input and output is the same, resulting in no change to pixels. This is expressed as a 45-degree line, because at every point on such a line,  $y = x$ , and therefore no change occurs. Black (0.0) is on the left, and white (1.0) is on the right.

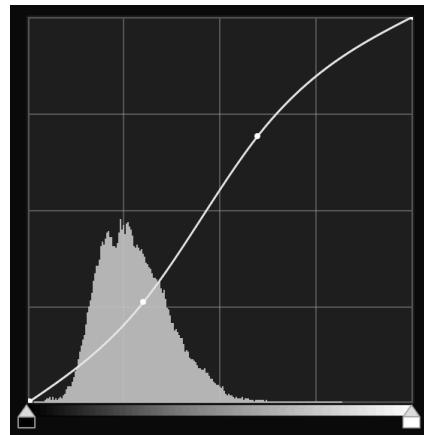


The Curves adjustment consists of four separate curves, one for “Red,” “Green,” and “Blue” and a “Combined” curve. The red, green, and blue curves only affect one channel of each pixel, while the combined curve affects all three channels.

You can tap on a curve to add a point, which you can then drag to the position of your choosing. The image updates in real-

time to account for the change in the curve. There are limitations on how close points can be to each other, so sometimes the RAW Power will prevent you from adding or moving curve points.

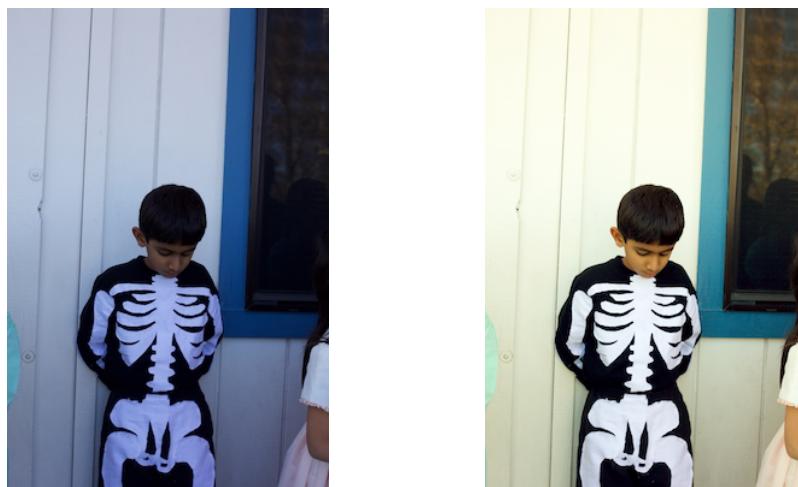
People often use Curves to adjust contrast. To do that, make an S-shaped curve in the



Combined channel as follows:

The more it looks like an "S," the greater the contrast.

At the top of the Curves adjustment are two automatic buttons: Auto Black and White and Auto RGB. Auto Black and White is a good way to make sure your image has good contrast. Auto RGB does that, and also corrects color casts in the image. It does this by changing the red, green and blue curves. Here is an example image using the Auto RGB control to eliminate the color cast in the image:



The Gamma button switches Curves between a Gamma mode and a Linear mode. The current state of the button indicates the current mode — by default, Curves is in gamma mode. When in Gamma mode, Curves gamma-corrects the data before applying the curve data and then reverses the correction before sending the image data to the next adjustment. Gamma is generally a good default, but if you want maximum control over the bright areas of the image, Linear can be a better bet.

The Equal RGB button controls the way Curves processes the Combined channel. If it's set to Equal RGB, then red, green, and blue are affected equally. However, if it is set to Luminance, then the combined curve affects the red, green and blue curves according to the luminance equation, which weights green more heavily, and blue the least. This approach avoids enhancing color casts and is much easier than converting the image to the "Lab" color space in Photoshop and manipulating it that way.

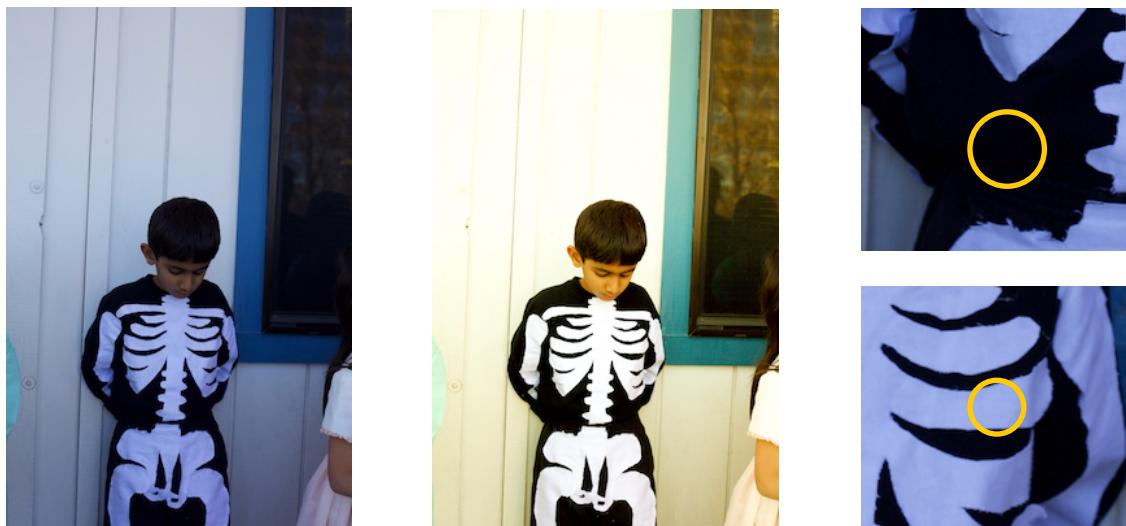
Here is an example using an image with an S-shaped contrast curve. On the left is the image in Equal RGB mode and on the right, in Luminance mode:



The Samplers section of the Curves interface lets you place points on the curve by clicking on portions of the image. The first control sets the black point for the image; the second sets the 50% gray point, and the third control sets the white point. Each of these can cause the image to change appearance. The last sampler is the "target" sampler. It places a point on all of the curves at the color value of the pixel you tap on. Except in extreme cases, the target sampler does not affect the image.

Like the White Balance sampler, the curves samplers update continuously if you drag on the image while using them.

In the following example, the color cast is removed using the black and white samplers. The sampled points are circled.



Once any point is placed on the curve, you can move it around to adjust the colors similar to the one you sampled. Double tap on a point to delete it.

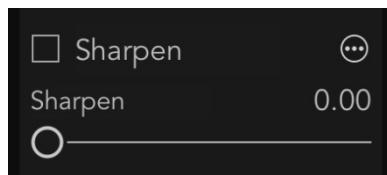
At the bottom of Curves are the black and white point controls. These are simple controls to



set the darkest and lightest colors for a given curve as shown below.

## SHARPEN

The Sharpen adjustment is a simple but very effective sharpener. It sharpens just the luminance

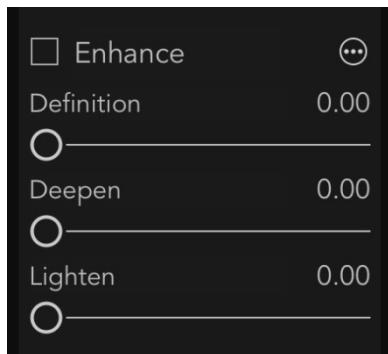


channel of the image, which provides good results without accentuating color noise, unlike Unsharp Mask.

This sharpener is a different algorithm than the one in RAW Processing, so you can try each to decide which looks better for your images.

# ENHANCE

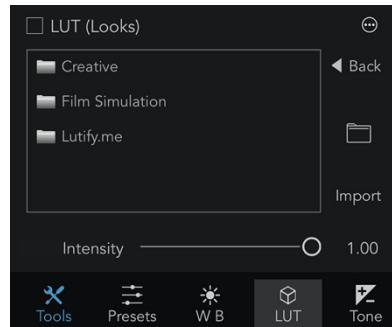
Enhance includes three adjustments for improving your photos.



**Definition:** This slider provides a sharpening effect using a technique called Local Contrast. It is similar, but not identical to the Definition slider found in Photos for Mac and Aperture.

**Deepen and Lighten:** This pair of sliders is similar to Highlights and Shadows but produce better results in general. Deepen operates on the brighter parts of the image, while Lighten operates on the darker parts of the image. The sliders are better than Highlights and Shadows because they do not affect overall image contrast.

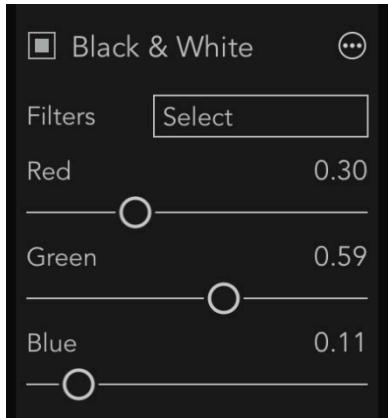
# LUTS (LOOKS)



A great way to get a distinctive look for your photos in a single click is through LUTs. A LUT is a combination of color changes that can simulate film stock or the type of color grading that happens in movies. Use the Intensity slider to control the amount of the effect to apply. RAW Power includes a basic set of LUTs, but you can add your own. To add your own, tap the Import button. These are copied into a folder in the RAW Power sandbox folder which is visible if you tap the “folder” icon in the LUT adjustment. You do not need to have the LUT on all of your machines if you use iCloud Photo Library. RAW Power will store the LUT into the adjustment data, which is uploaded to iCloud.

## BLACK & WHITE

Black and White is a monochrome “mixer” which allows you to make black and white images by controlling the percentages of red, green, and blue that contribute to the grayscale image.

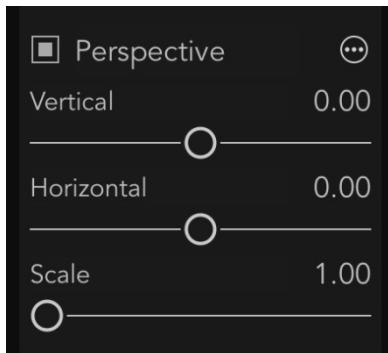


Different percentages of these color channels will accentuate different parts of the image and are better for some scenes than others. The Black & White adjustment comes with some presets that simulate the effect of a color filter placed over a camera lens. If you check the box next to “Black & White,” the adjustment will produce a black and white image using a “luminance” weighting of red, green, and blue. This is generally more pleasing than an equal weighting of the channels, though equal channels is also a preset. A Red filter is good for

landscapes and deepens a blue sky. An Orange filter is good for street photography and images with tiles and bricks. A Yellow filter darkens the sky and is generally a good “middle ground” choice. Green is also an interesting choice for landscapes and nature photography. The Blue filter can create a moody shot.

## PERSPECTIVE

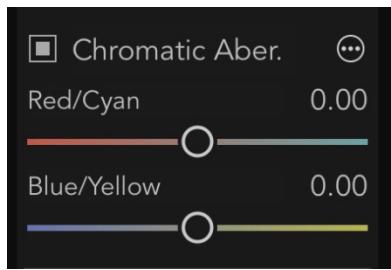
Perspective corrects images that are shot off-angle, typically off to the side or up from ground level. The filter works by rotating the image three-dimensionally so that the image data looks



like it was shot at the proper angle. By default, the perspective adjustment will attempt to fill the image frame, but that may not be desirable in some situation because it can cut off important parts of the image. In that event, use the Scale Factor slider to expose the full image without cropping. Once you have done that, you can manually crop the image as you like. When you drag the Vertical or Horizontal sliders, a grid appears to make it

easier to line up the image to make it straight. Be careful not to over rotate the image — if you do, the image may become warped.

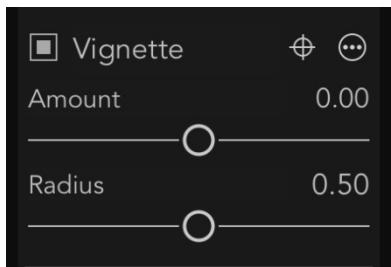
## CHROMATIC ABERRATION



Chromatic Aberration corrects color shifts that occur when light hits the sensor at an angle, causing the constituent colors to split apart (as in a prism). The signature of an image with chromatic aberration is a colored line (red, yellow, etc.) that appears next to a sharp edge. When that happens, you can use this adjustment to realign the colors and correct the image.

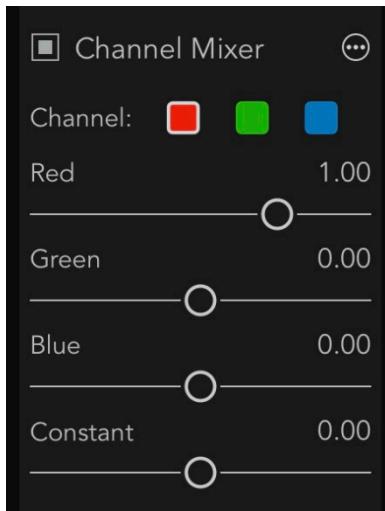
## VIGNETTE

Vignette darkens (or lightens) the edges of an image. When darkening an image, it draws the eye to the lighter part of the image (typically the center, or the subject of the image). Vignettes in most photo applications are center-based, making them poor choices if the subject is not in the center of image (as is often the case). The Vignette in RAW Power allows you to specify the center point. To do this click the targeting control next to the reset button and then click and



drag on the image. A “spotlight” effect will appear to make it easier for you to see what will happen.

## CHANNEL MIXER

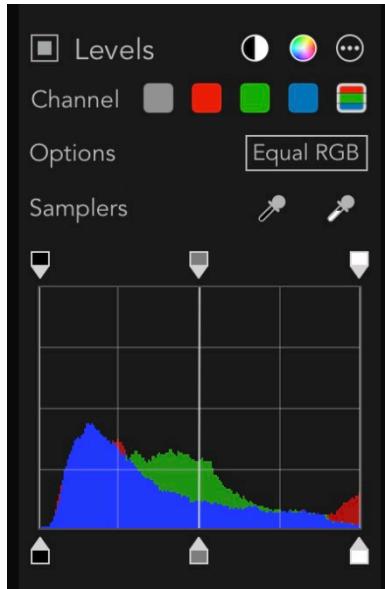


A channel mixer is a very powerful tool for tinting images or completely changing the look of your image. You can even swap channels (exchanging blue for red, for example).

Click on the three-color control to choose the color channel to manipulate. Then determine the amount of red, green, and blue data to copy into that channel. The Constant slider simply adds red, green, or blue to the image for a quick tinting effect.

## LEVELS

Levels lets you quickly work with the color range of an image. Most people find Levels to be easier to understand than Curves, but it is less powerful as well.



You can select the channel to work with. Gray and RGB refer to the same channel but show the information differently. RGB shows each channel overlaid, while Gray just shows luminance. The Equal RGB button controls the way Levels processes the Gray channel. If it's set to Equal RGB, then red, green, and blue are affected equally. However, if it is set to Luminance, then the gray curve affects the red, green and blue curves according to the luminance equation, which weights green more heavily, and blue the least. This approach avoids enhancing color casts and is much easier than converting the image to the “Lab” color space in Photoshop and manipulating it that way.

Levels also includes an Auto Black and Auto RGB feature. Auto Black sets the black and white points on the Gray / RGB channel. You can choose the amount of

black and white data to be clipped in Preferences. Auto RGB does the same thing but to the Red, Green, and Blue channels. Auto RGB can correct color casts, when Auto Black is more for correct contrast problems.

## COPY AND PASTE

You can copy the current adjustments on the image and paste them onto another image. Since RAW Power only supports adjusting one image at a time, use this feature as follows:

- Adjustment Menu > Copy Adjustments (or use Tools)
- Tap to select a different image
- Adjustment Menu > Paste Adjustments (or use Tools)
- Tap Done to save your changes.

## PRESETS

RAW Power includes a preset system. You can create your own presets, or use the ones that are built-in. To use a preset, enter Edit mode and select the Presets group. Tap on a preset to choose it. Click the Edit... button to delete presets or rearrange them. Click the New... button to save a new preset from the adjustments currently applied to the image. You can also use presets on multiple images at a time (see Batch Processing). Presets are undoable.

## ROUNDTrip EDITING

RAW Power is also available as a separate purchase on the Mac App Store. It runs as a standalone application and as a Photos Extension. As long as you have the same version of RAW Power for Mac and iOS, the adjustments are completely compatible. As a result, if you are using iCloud Photo Library, you can edit an image on iOS and continue editing on the Mac (or vice-versa). All editing is completely non-destructive — the adjustment information is transmitted through iCloud. To use this feature, try the following steps:

- Open an image in RAW Power for iOS
- Edit it in some way (for example, adjust exposure)
- Tap Done to save the changes
- Go over to the Mac. If you are using macOS Catalina, you can open the Photo library directly in RAW Power. Alternatively, you can open the Photos app.
- Find the same image and enter Edit

- If you are using Photos on the Mac, choose the RAW Power Photos Extension.
- You will see the exposure slider moved from its default position, indicating that the iOS changes were sent over to the Mac. Continue editing.