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AFFINITY PHOTO PLUGIN SETUP GUIDE



Dehancer Film plugin for Affinity Photo

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System Requirements (macOS)

**CURRENTLY AFFINITY PHOTO SUPPORT HAS BETA STATUS
AND MAY BE UNSTABLE. USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

**Please follow our instructions carefully to maximize your chances.
However, due to the nature of Photoshop plugin support in Affinity,
we cannot guarantee the functionality of Dehancer plugin
within this host application.**

Hardware requirements:

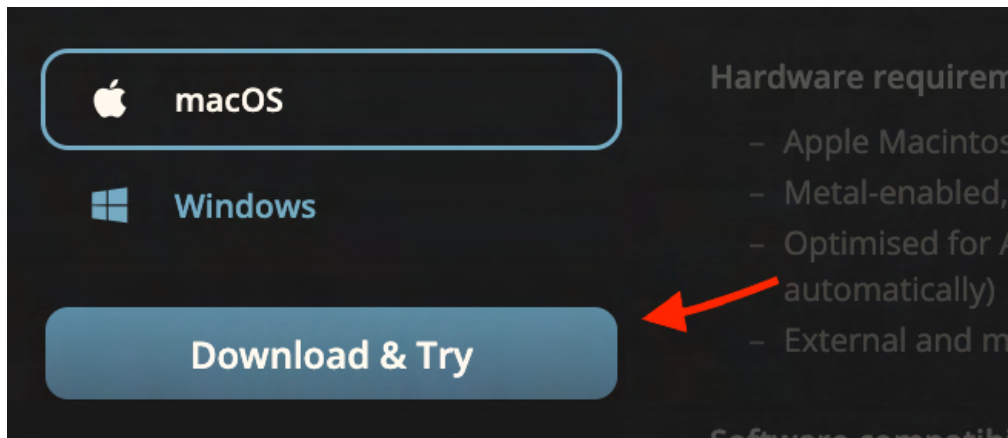
- Apple Macintosh, starting from middle 2012
- Metal-enabled GPU
- Optimised for Apple Silicon. The universal binary is installed automatically.

Software compatibility:

- macOS Big Sur 11 and later
- Any current version of Affinity Photo that supports loading Adobe Photoshop plugins

Note: We do not officially support 'hackintosh,' virtual machines and other home-brew systems, while it could worth a try. Also, operation with hacked or modified host applications and OS is not guaranteed.

Downloading and choosing the right package

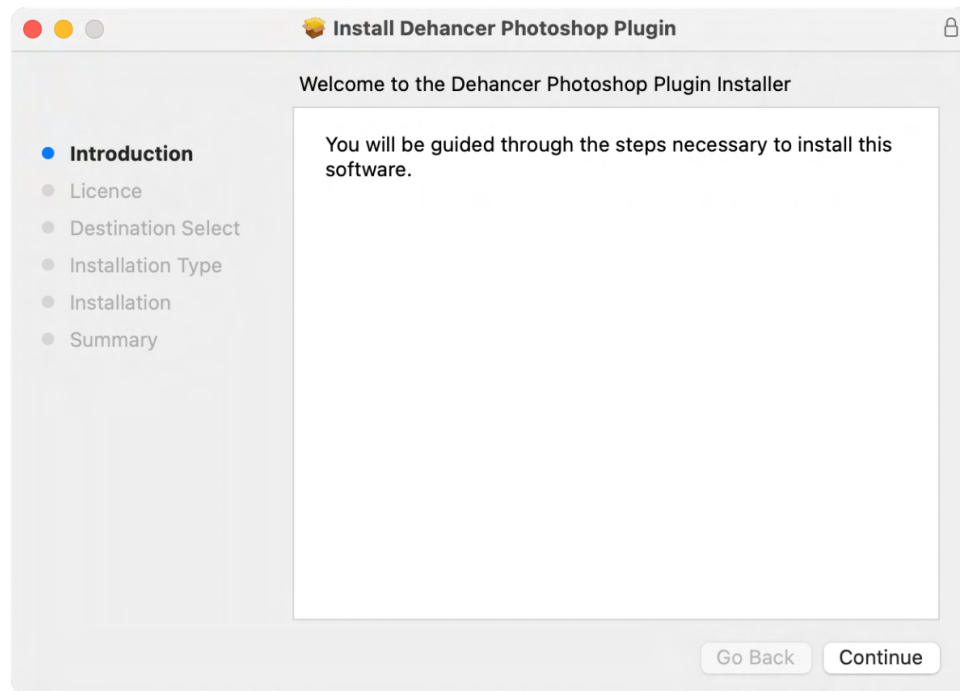


1. Make sure that your computer meets the system requirements for the plugin to work correctly.
2. Download the latest version of the plugin from dehancer.com:
 - 2.1. Go to the Products → Ps, LrC, C1, APh plugin.
 - 2.2. Select **macOS** as your operating system on the product page.
 - 2.3. Hit **Download & Try** button. Your download will start automatically.
3. Unzip the downloaded zip file, if your system didn't do it automatically.
4. **Select the appropriate distributive.** The file name contains the host application (Photoshop or Lightroom). **Use the Photoshop installation file for Affinity Photo.**

ATTENTION!

The Adobe Photoshop plugin is used for Affinity Photo installation

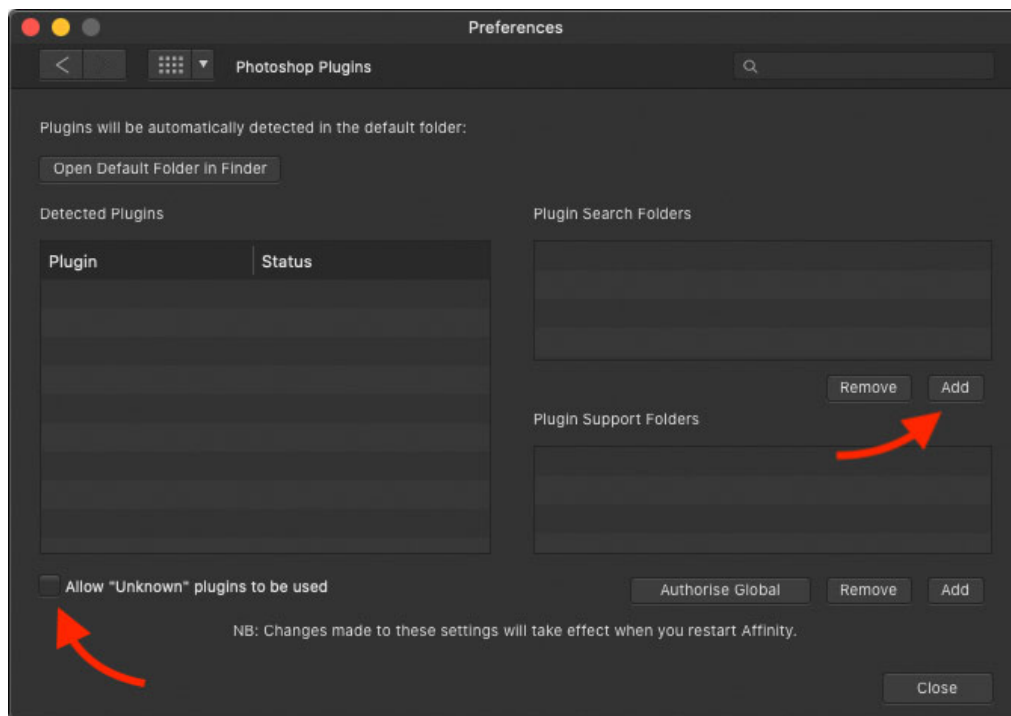
5. Run the **Photoshop** installation file and follow the installation steps.



6. Launch **Affinity Photo**. If the program was already running, you don't need to restart it.

7. Open Affinity Photo plugins preferences:

Affinity Photo → Preferences → Photoshop Plugins



8. Click the **Add** button under the **Plugin Search Folders** list and specify the installed Dehancer Photoshop plugin location:

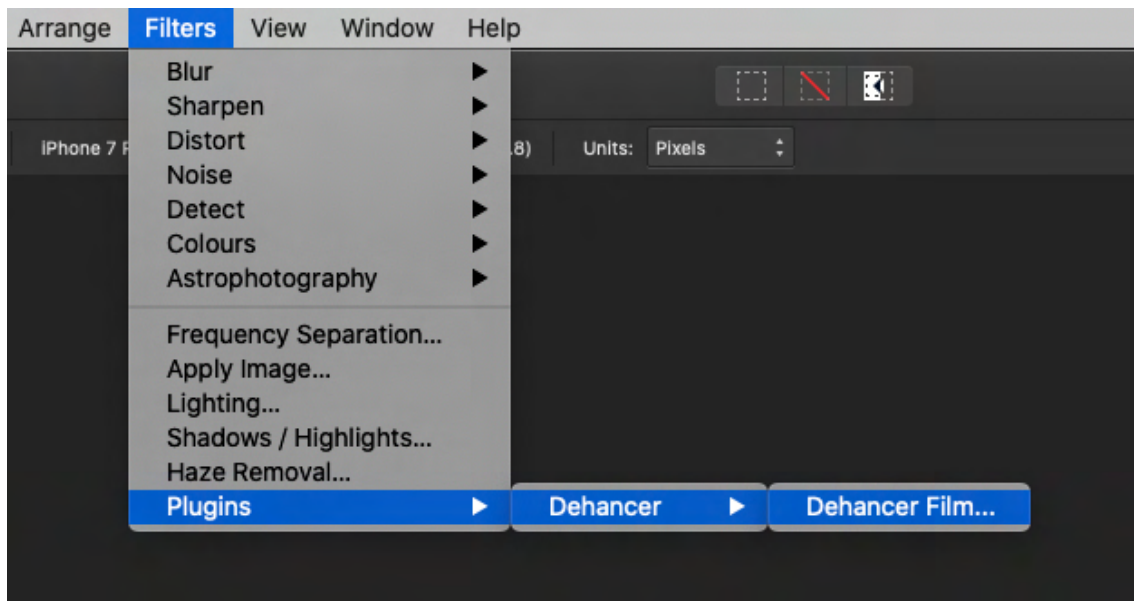
Macintosh HD/Library/Application Support/Adobe/Plug-Ins/CC/Dehancer

9. Enable the checkbox **Allow "Unknown" plugins to be used**

10. **Close** Preferences and **restart Affinity Photo** as required.

11. After the application is restarted, a new plugin should appear in the list:

Filters → Plugins → Dehancer → Dehancer Film

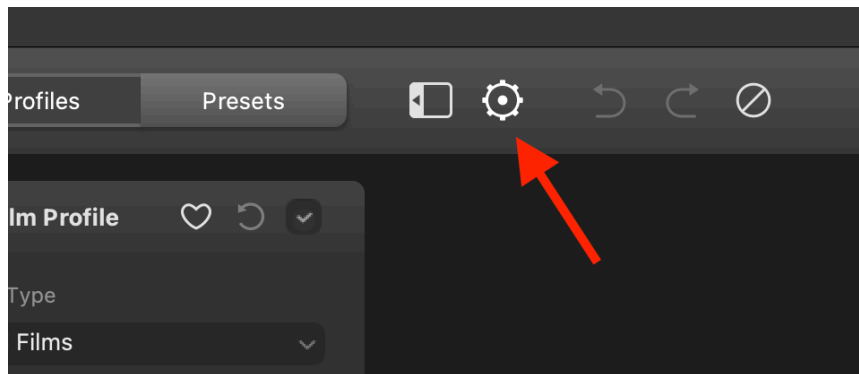


Note that your image must be presented in the **sRGB color space** to be displayed and processed properly. Support for other color spaces will be added later.

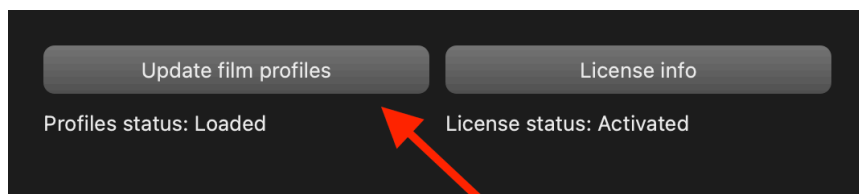
→ Related article:

[Recommended Color Settings for Dehancer Ps/LrC](#)

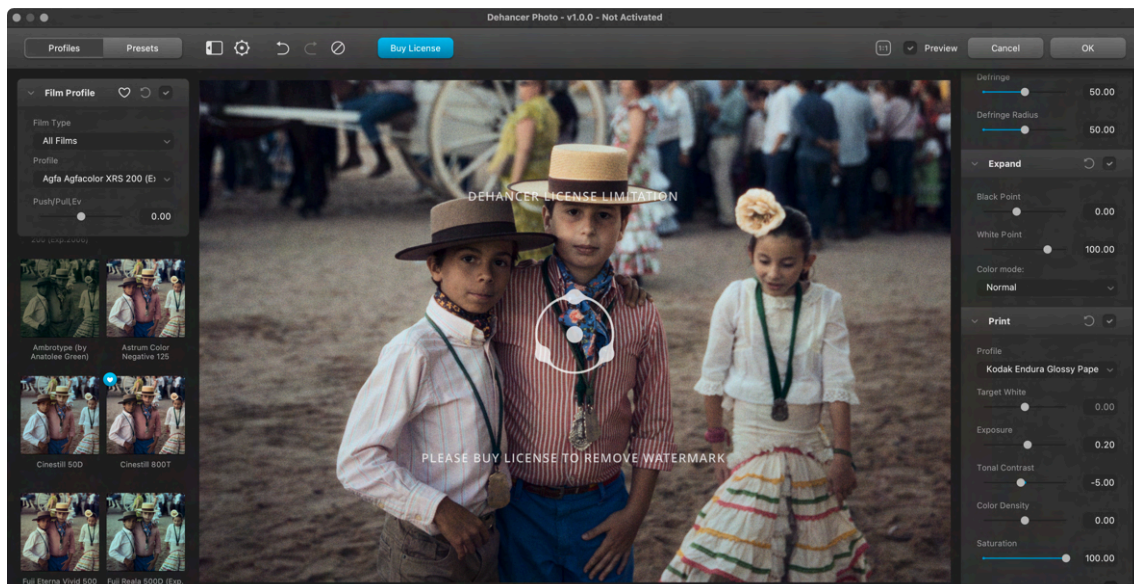
12. At first launch, the Settings window will open automatically. You can also open the Settings at any time by clicking on the gear icon in the toolbar.



13. Use the button **Update Film Profiles** to download the profiles the first time.



14. Now Dehancer is ready to use.



License Activation (removing the watermark)

When the plugin is not activated the watermark is applied to the preview and the rendered image. To remove the watermark, please activate the plugin.

How to activate the plugin

1. Buy the Subscription or Lifetime plan on our website.

Go to **Products**, select the host, the plugin and hit the **Pricing** button. Choose your plan and proceed to the payment.

Subscription plans for individuals include 3 independent seats that can be activated and deactivated within 3 different host applications. Notice that Photoshop and Affinity Photo are sharing the same seat activation just like Lightroom and Capture One.

Studio Subscription plan contains custom number of seats that are managed in the User Profile. Each seat can be activated on 1 workstation / device.

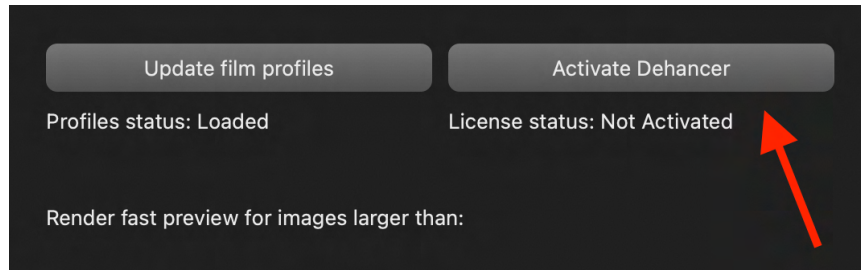
Lifetime plan contains 2 independent seats that can be activated and deactivated on 2 different devices.

Attention!

Subscription activation requires an updated product and may not work with legacy versions. Please follow the Dehancer Updates section of this manual to update your product.

The notification will be sent to your email and displayed in your User Profile as well.

2. Open plugin **Settings** (the gear icon) to launch the Activation widget and hit the **Activate Dehancer** button.

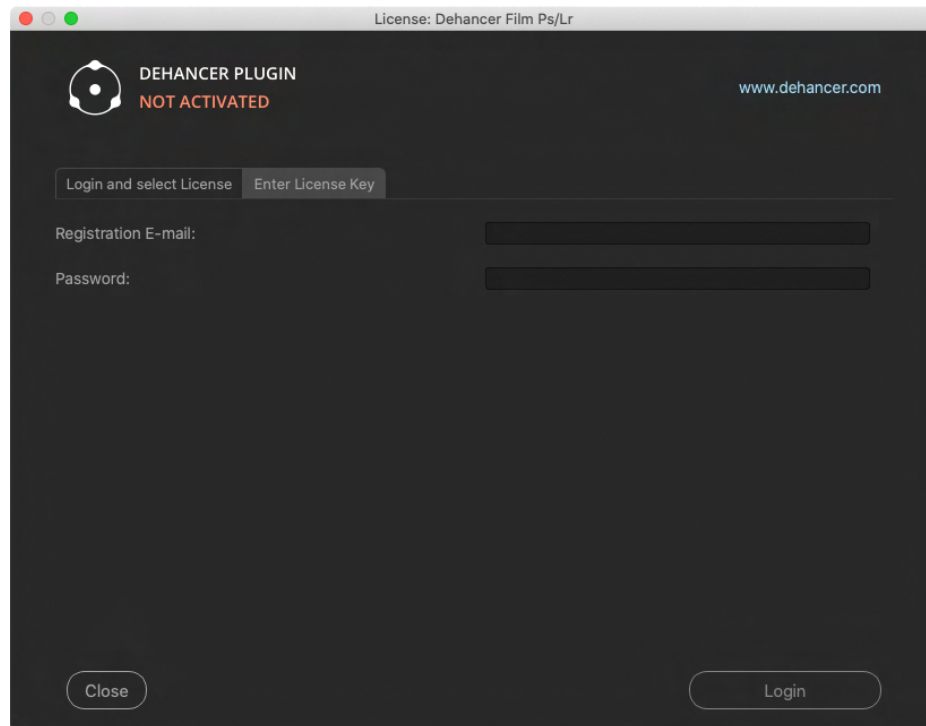


3. There are two main options available:

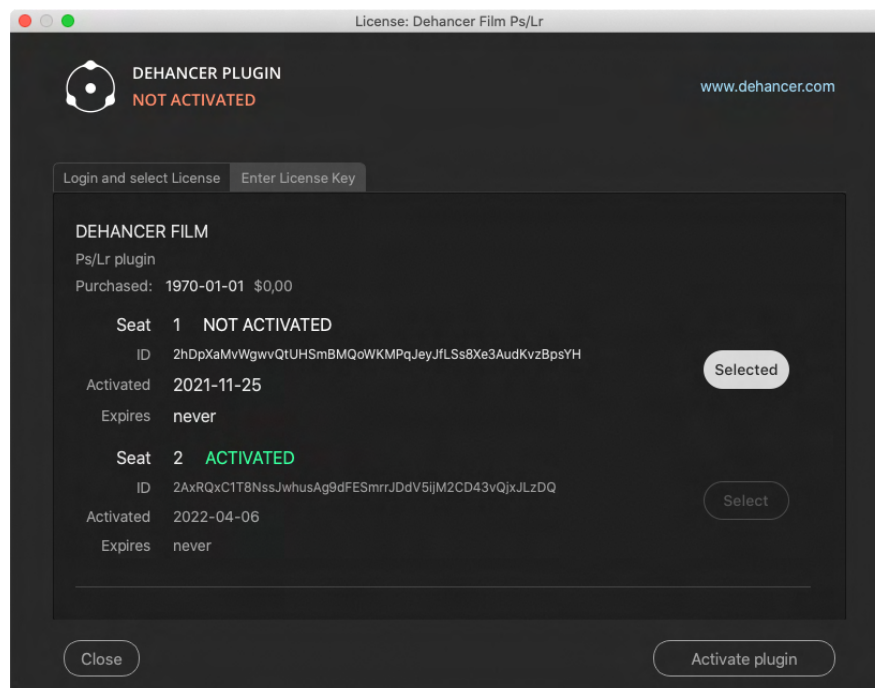
- **Login and select License (for Subscriptions and Lifetime plans)**
- **Enter License Key (for Lifetime plans)**

Login and select License (Subscriptions and Lifetime plans)

1. Login with your Dehancer account.

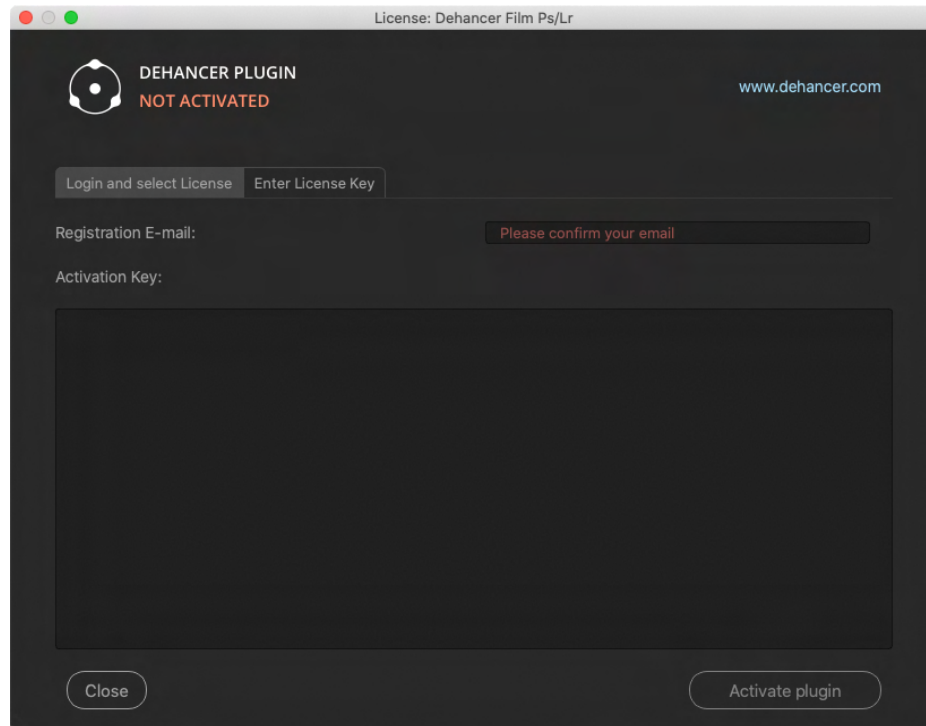


2. You will be presented with a list of Licenses available for your product. Select a Seat from the list, then press **Activate plugin**:



Enter License Key (Lifetime plans)

Paste your registration e-mail and Activation Key from the letter you've received after purchasing the License. Press **Activate plugin**.



Enjoy!

Please Notice:

1. Internet connection is required for Activation.
2. Activation via Login doesn't work with Beta Licenses.
- 3. Please don't forget to Deactivate from within the plugin interface BEFORE selling your computer, migrating or reinstalling the System.**

Recommended RAW settings

While developing RAW photos in Affinity Photo, we recommend:

- Correct the most severe deviations in exposure and white balance
- Use the linear contrast curve if possible, avoiding clipping in shadows and highlights
- Disable noise reduction and sharpening
- Avoid any local enhancements which might cause visible halos
- Work with developed files in **sRGB 16 bit** format

Third-party RAW converters

For instance **C1 (Capture One Pro)** combined with **Linear curve**, and **RPP (Raw Photo Processor)** with **Colorimetric Gamma** mode produces good results. You can also use any other RAW converter.

While processing RAW photos, we recommend:

- Correct the most severe deviations in exposure and white balance
- Use the Linear contrast curve if possible, avoiding clipping in shadows and highlights
- Disable noise reduction and sharpening
- Avoid any local contrast enhancement which might cause visible halos
- Export files in **sRGB TIFF 16 bit** format

Dehancer Updates

We update the plugin regularly, adding new features, fixing bugs and improving performance. Keep Dehancer up-to-date to get the most out of it.

We recommend that you AVOID UPDATING both the plugin itself and the host application until you are finished working on the important projects.

Checking the Updates

Please, check the actual product version in the ‘Download and Get Free Trial’ widget at the dehancer.com. If the new version is out, download and install it manually. We always announce new versions on social media and newsletters, so stay tuned.

Updates and user data

Photo plugin updates replace the existing plugin installation, keeping the existings settings, presets and the current License activation.

Generally, Dehancer settings in existing projects (i.e., Photoshop smart filters) are not affected, but this depends on many factors, including the host version, operating system and the entire processing chain. Thus, avoid updating the plugin while you are working on a project.

BETA Updates

Photo plugin BETA versions will replace earlier releases.

Thus, avoid updating the plugin to BETA releases while you are working on a project.

Downgrading the Plugin, Legacy Downloads

Sometimes you may need to downgrade the plugin to the previous version for compatibility reasons. You can download the legacy distributive on the website:

Download legacy installation packages for Dehancer photo plugin

Unpack and install the plugin as usual, the newer version will be replaced with the older one.

Attention! After the downgrade incompatible adjustments made with the newer version of the plugin may be lost.

Application path and user data location

Below you can find the main system paths of the installed application components and user data locations, which you may need when contacting support or maintaining the plug-in.

Installation (macOS)

Adobe Photoshop and Affinity Photo plugin:

/Library/Application Support/Adobe/Plug-Ins/CC/Dehancer

Adobe Lightroom and Capture One plugin:

/Applications/Dehancer Lightroom Plugin/Dehancer Lightroom Plugin.app

User Data (macOS)

Shared folder:

/Users/{user}/Library/Application Support/com.dehancer.film_shared

User Presets folder:

/Users/{user}/Library/Application Support/com.dehancer.film_shared/presets

Adobe Photoshop and Affinity Photo plugin log:

/Users/{user}/Library/Application Support/com.dehancer.film_shared/
dehancer_logs/photoshop_plugin.log

Adobe Lightroom and Capture One plugin log:

/Users/{user}/Library/Application Support/com.dehancer.film_shared/
dehancer_logs/lightroom_plugin.log

In macOS the user's **Library folder is hidden by default.**

You can access this folder in several ways:

1. Open **Finder**, click **Go** in the menu bar, and select **Go to Folder**. In the dialog box, type **~/Library** and click **Go**.
2. You can **unhide the Library folder permanently**. Open your **Home folder** (select your **username** in the **Finder** sidebar). Click **View** in the menu bar, and select **Show View Options**. Check the **Show Library Folder** checkbox.