



Product Review: DustKleen 1.0.2 version
The Review was done with a "try before
you buy" version.

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System Requirements

Operating System: Microsoft Windows: Vista, XP, NT and 2000
Apple, No

Screen Resolution Minimum: 768x1024

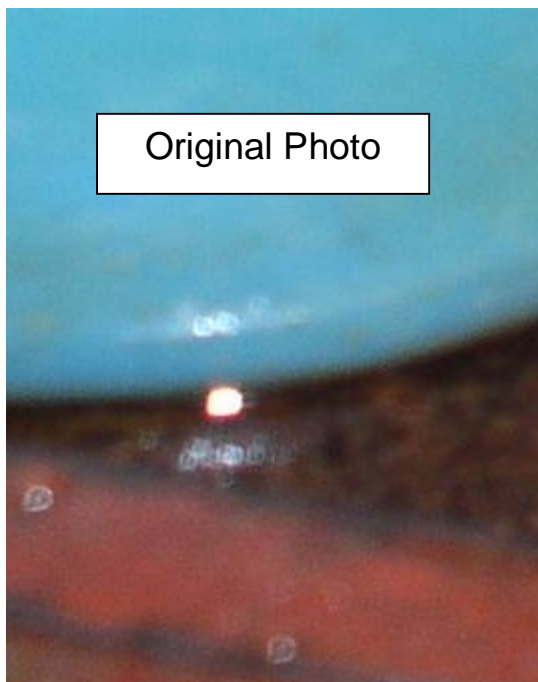
DustKleen is a stand alone product that you can use with a number of other photo programs like Adobe Photoshop. It has a very small foot-print (program) that only occupies 3439 MB of hard drive space when it is installed on your computer.

This is a program that has a small price tag (MSRP \$49.95) when compared to others that may be rolled into a program that has many other parts that you may only use once in a blue moon where dust removal is the one you may need the most.

As with everything, we have a learning curve--some are very long and steep if you do not use the program very much. As you can see below, the curve for this program is very shallow.



The largest photo is the before picture and the small one is the after using DustKleen, This took me a whole two left clicks and then saving the photo to the desktop. The picture was taken with a 4GB camera in a Chinese silk factory with a lot of fine silk fibers in the air at all times.



The watermarks are only on a "try before you buy" program. When you buy the program, there will be none.

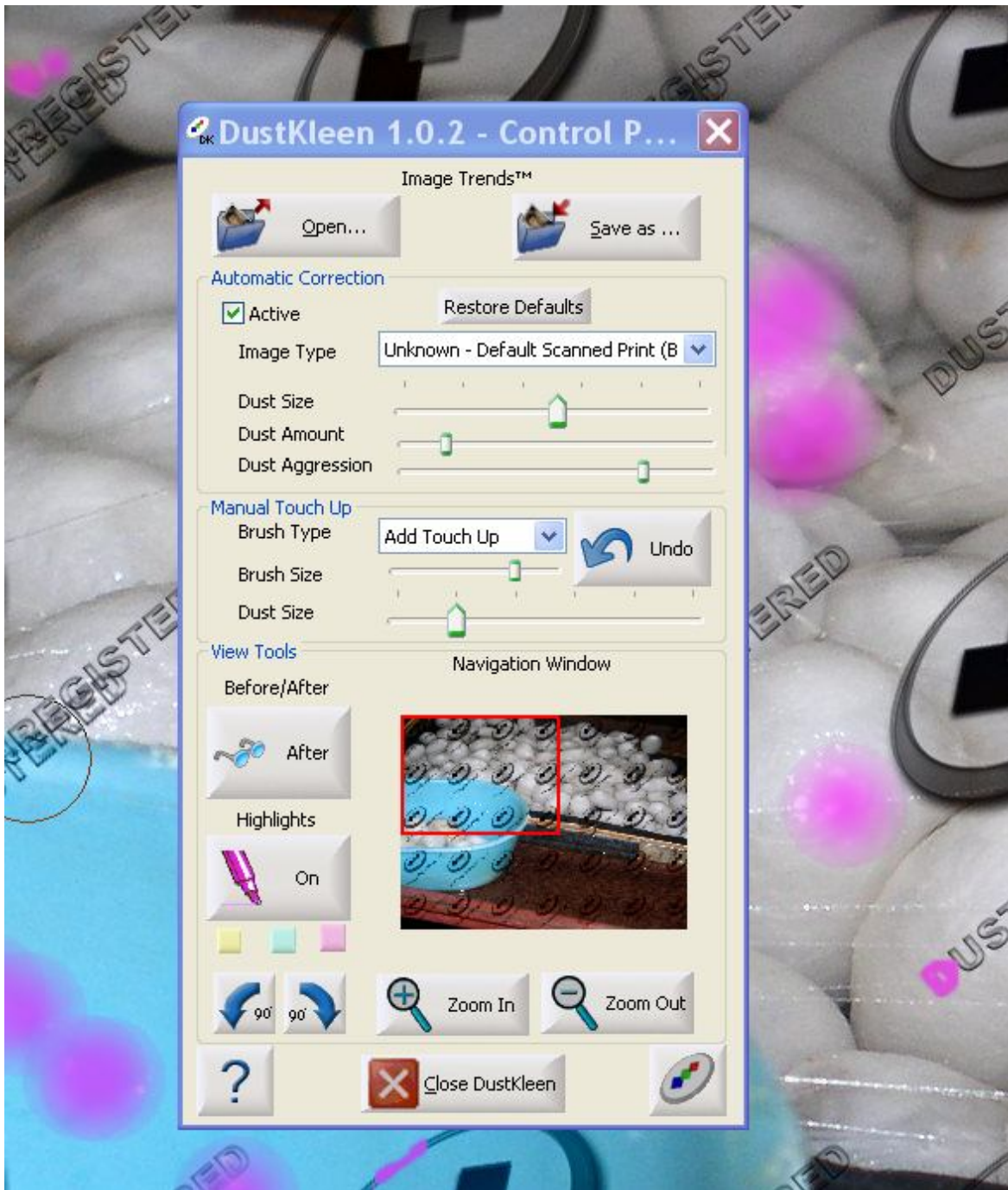
A free trial download of DustKleen 1.0.2 is available at: www.imagetrendsinc.com.

After you have used the trial program and want to buy it online, click on the



in the lower right hand corner of the control panel.

This is almost the whole ball of (silk) wax that you will be using when you are working with your photos. So you can learn the ins and outs in short order.



View Tools: Maybe the tools you will be using the most. Highlighted colors can be changed by you from yellow, pink and light blue-green. This will help when you have dust in an area where the yellow would not work very well. You can zoom in/out and move the red square around the navigation window. The blue question mark is how you find out more about how to use the tools.

DustKleen is a product that needs to be used to really appreciate just how good it is. Be sure to visit and download the trial version for yourself. This is a very impressive innovative product that works.

After you have saved your photos to some kind of storage item, run them through DustKleen to clean up any dust that could be on your photos. Save them as a TIFF rather than as a JPEG file if you can. Remember, when saved as a TIFF file you do not lose any information. Then when you want to send the photo to someone, send it as a JPEG.

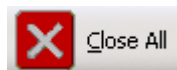
DustKleen will work in two modes (Manual or Automatic). It will attempt to automatically identify the dots-per-inch (dpi) of the scanned image through the image file header information. This helps the program establish the initial settings for dust size, dust amount, and aggression.

Undo corrections:

Remove Touch Up-Button: Gives the user the ability to remove corrections from image content. This brush will remove a correction whether it was made in the automatic mode or in the manual Touch Up mode.

Saving your corrected photo:

Use the "Save as" button: You need to save the corrected image with a new name plus you should also save it in a different location.



Button will close all windows and exit the application.

The Image View window can be adjusted to meet the preferences of the user. Some may prefer to move the right hand edge of the Image View window to align with the left edge of the Control Panel. In this way, the Control Panel does not overlay any of the image content.

We all need a tool to solve a given problem in the shortest/easiest time frame.

Take Image Trends (www.imagetrendsinc.com.) up on their trial offer of (DustKleen) and test it yourself and see if it fits into your way of doing things.

As for me, I feel it is a GREAT TOOL. I use it!

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Image Trends' Customer Support: Support is available via their website only, Monday through Friday, 8am - 5pm (US Central Time), except US holidays.

Image Trends end-users should visit their **Frequently Asked Questions** pages for answers to common questions or check the **Download** page to check for upgrades.

Image Trends Inc. now offers one more application to get rid of the dust problem. It is **Sensorkleen** which is a stand alone application (for DSLR cameras) that removes artifacts created by dust on the digital imaging sensor. It uses camera and lens metadata to differentiate between content and defects and aims to remove only artifacts while restoring the underlying image content. Both programs are for Windows-only now. If you are using a DSLR camera, check this program out also.

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