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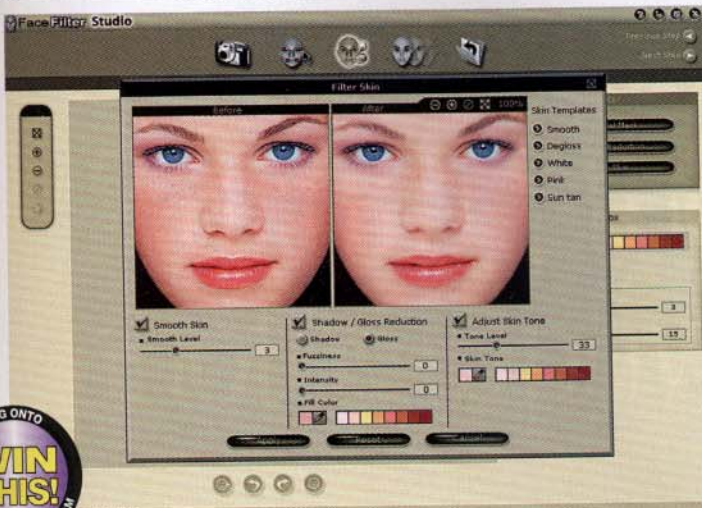
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06. ORGANIZE AND OPTIMIZE YOUR IMAGES Catalog your images easily with StudioLine Photo 2. The software creates a searchable database of your images, including those you store off on CDs and DVDs. The program's intuitive method for adding your images gets the job done fast, without affecting your original data. Suggested Retail Price: \$44 (download), \$49 (street). **Contact:** iMAG Systems Software, (201) 334-3434, www.imagsys.com.



07. CREDIT CARD-SIZED ZIPPER DRIVE Transfer hundreds of your images and other files to an ultra-portable zipper drive larger than a credit card. The Zipper features a scannable USB 2.0 connection that allows you to transfer data at up to 480Mbps. The 4,000-psi drive works without drivers on current Windows and Mac systems, and retains shock to 1,000G. Suggested Retail Price: \$319.95. **Contact:** Kangaroo Solutions, (800) KANGAROO, www.kangaroo.com.



08. PERFORMER'S LENSES Shoot sharp images on your Pentax D SLR with the new Pentax D SLR Macro Zoom 1:2.8. Both lenses are optimized for digital imaging, with the 1:2.8 lens featuring a wide-angle design that covers the full frame. The lenses have been down to life size for a field of view about an inch wide at 1:1 magnification. Suggested Retail Price: \$499 (street), \$799 (100mm). **Contact:** Pentax, (800) 873-2700, www.pentax.com.



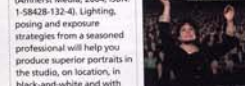
A Beginner's Guide to Digital Video by Peter Wells (AVA Publishing SA, 2004, ISBN: 2-88479-037-3). This portable handbook starts with an overview of digital video equipment, formats and basic digital processes, then focuses on three key areas of digital video: shooting, editing and sharing.



The Photographic Guide to Exposure by Chris Weston (Photographers' Institute Press, 2004, ISBN: 1-86108-387-3). Easy-to-understand sections teach you how to control camera functions for correct exposure, cope with challenging lighting conditions, manipulate exposure to create mood, and much more.



Classic Portrait Photography by William S. McIntosh (Amherst Media, 2004, ISBN: 1-58428-132-4). Lighting, posing and exposure strategies from a seasoned professional will help you produce superior portraits in the studio, on location, in black-and-white and with various subjects.



Beginner's Guide to Adobe Photoshop Elements by Michelle Perkins (Amherst Media, 2004, ISBN: 1-58428-138-3). Learn the basics of working with digital images quickly and easily in Elements, a powerful and affordable software.

