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## Photoshop 5.0!

Adobe has announced that Photoshop 5.0 will ship in May. Key new features in Photoshop 5.0 include a History Palette, Editable Text Layers, Spot-Color Channels, and better Color Management support. Photoshop 5.0 will retail at \$995 US. Existing users will be able to upgrade for an introductory price of \$199 US until August. You can order the upgrade by calling 800-492-3623. Or order it on-line at:

<http://www.adobe.com/purchase/boxmail.html#photoshop>

The Photoshop 5.0 home page is at:

<http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/photoshop/main.html>

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## ZIP Plus Compatibility Problem

Iomega has officially warned users that its ZIP Plus mechanism can cause data corruption. The ZIP Plus's AutoDetect circuitry that allows parallel or SCSI connections from a single 25 pin cable is responsible for the problem. Iomega said the ZIP Plus should be connected only using the cable it shipped with and should be the only drive on the external chain. PowerBooks should not use the ZIP Plus since they require a special SCSI adapter. The older plain ZIP drive is not affected since it has no AutoDetect circuitry. New manuals are available from Iomega by calling (888) 446-6342 and are available in PDF format on-line at:

<http://www.iomega.com/support/techs/pdf/en351002.pdf>

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## Apple & HP Agree on Inkjets

After a prolonged falling out, Apple and Hewlett-Packard have announced that they are partnering to deliver HP's printers to Macintosh customers. As part of the agreement, HP will make future ink-jet printers compatible with the Mac OS. In addition, Apple will resell a selection of HP's ink-jet printers to its education customers. This apparently is the swan song for Apple's Color StyleWriter line of printers.

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## New Epson Stylus Color 850

Epson is introducing the Stylus Color 850 and 850N this month. The new models offers speed improvements of 20% over the 800 model. The 850N ships with a built in Ethernet print server with 10Base T and 10Base 2 interfaces. The Stylus Color 850 will list for \$399 US and the 850N for \$549 US. Epson's home page is at:

<http://www.epson.com>

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## Microsoft Internet Fixes

Microsoft has a fixes for a security bug in the HTML routines of Internet Explorer 4.0a and Outlook Express 1.0c. The patches for the security fix are available on-line at:

<http://www.microsoft.com/ie/security/?/ie/security/embed.htm>

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## Symantec to Charge for Virus Definitions

Symantec has announced its intention to begin charging \$3.95 per year for the latest virus definition files. Purchasers of the new SAM 5.0 (now in public beta testing) will receive a free year of access to the on-line definitions but will then be expected to pay to keep current. Updates and Patches to the SAM application will remain free. The latest (still Free) SAM virus definitions file is available on-line at:

<http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/download/us-sam.html>

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## Apple “More Power More Compatibility” Promo

Apple Canada has the following to offer: When you purchase a Power Macintosh G3 desktop or minitower computer from May 1 through June 26, 1998 you can also choose one of these powerful add-ons at no additional cost:

32 MB of Additional Memory

or

Virtual PC with Windows 95.

And, when you purchase a Power Macintosh G3 desktop or minitower together with an eligible Apple display from May 1 through June 26, 1998, you can choose one of these powerful add-on bundles at no additional cost:

32 MB of additional memory + 32MB of additional memory

or

Virtual PC w/Windows 95 + 32 MB of additional memory

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## LaCie SilverLining 5.8.3

LaCie has updated its hard disk and removables formatting utility SilverLining to version 5.8.3. The new version is HFS+ compatible with Mac OS 8.1 and fixes various bugs. SilverLining Lite 2.2.1 is also now available. Free updaters are available at LaCie’s new web site:

<http://208.226.13.120/scripts/support/updaters.cfm>

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## FWB Device Data Files

FWB has new Device Data and Device Data ATA files for its extensible disk formatter Hard Disk Tuneup 2.5. The new files are available on-line at:

[http://www.fwb.com/dc/hdt/dev\\_data25.html](http://www.fwb.com/dc/hdt/dev_data25.html)

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## Dantz Retrospect Updates

Dantz has a new driver update for Retrospect that supports a variety of new tape devices. The new driver is available free on-line at:

[ftp://ftp.dantz.com/pub/updates/retrospect\\_driver\\_update.hqx](ftp://ftp.dantz.com/pub/updates/retrospect_driver_update.hqx)

And, the company has introduced a \$50 US back-up utility called Retrospect Express 4.0 for backing up to removable cartridges (Express doesn’t support tape drives). Find out more on-line at:

<http://www.dantz.com/news/prRE40.html>