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## SYNTHETIC APERTURE NOW SHIPPING TEST GEAR 2.5

### *Enhancements Include 64-bit Adobe CS5 Support*

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA—December 3, 2010—Synthetic Aperture announced today that Test Gear™ 2.5, a new version of their test instrument plug-in for Adobe® After Effects® is now available for immediate purchase. New features include 64-bit support for Adobe After Effects CS5.

Test Gear adds test instruments including waveform monitor, vectorscope, histogram, and audio monitoring directly into the After Effects interface. Additionally, it adds a color picker and color swatch book support.

### **Support for 64-bit Adobe CS5**

Version 2.5 adds a 64-bit plug-in to support Adobe's CS5 64-bit version of After Effects, while continuing to offer full compatibility with the 32-bit After Effects CS3 and CS4. The move to 64-bit addressing significantly reduces the possibility of out-of-memory errors occurring during effects rendering. Tests with real-world projects which could not be rendered in 32-bit mode work flawlessly and speedily with the 64-bit plug-in and applications.

### **New Features in Test Gear 2.5**

In addition to 64-bit support, Test Gear 2.5 adds the following new features:

- Improved histogram, slice, and gamut display show color channel values > 1.0 in 32-bit After Effects projects.
- New support for loading Adobe Swatch Exchange (.ase) color swatch books.
- Automatically makes swatch books from Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator available within Test Gear, if those applications are installed.
- Enhanced vectorscope with a zoom capability, using the mouse scrollwheel, makes it easier to see detail when white and black balancing.
- Improved display performance.

## **Compatibility**

Test Gear 2.5 is compatible with both Intel- and PowerPC-based Macintosh systems, running Mac OS X 10.4 and later, include 10.6 (Snow Leopard). For Windows users, Test Gear 2.5 is compatible with Windows XP, Vista 32/64, and Windows 7 32/64.

Test Gear 2.5 supports Adobe After Effects CS3 through CS5.

## **Pricing and Availability**

Test Gear 2.5 is shipping now. The plug-in remains priced at \$95. Upgrades from prior versions of Test Gear are \$49. Time-limited demo versions of the plug-in are available on the Synthetic Aperture web site.

## **About Synthetic Aperture**

Founded in 1995, Synthetic Aperture is a provider of practical tools for digital video, specializing in color correction and measurement. Synthetic Aperture publishes the Color Finesse advanced color corrector as a stand-alone application and as a plug-in for Adobe After Effects, Premiere Pro and Apple Final Cut Pro; Echo Fire video previewing software for Adobe After Effects and Photoshop; the Test Gear test instrument plug-in for After Effects; and the popular free utility Test Pattern Maker. More information may be found on the company's web site, [www.synthetic-ap.com](http://www.synthetic-ap.com).

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