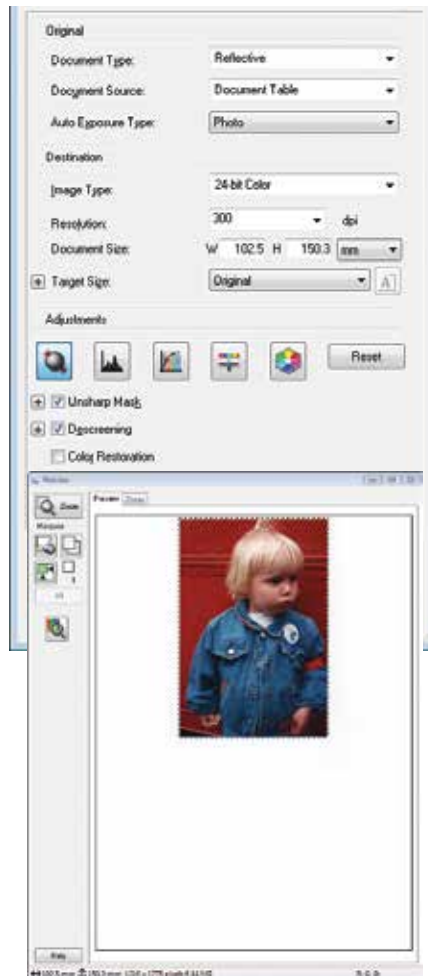# Scanning into Photoshop

You can scan into Photoshop using the File > Import sub-menu. Make sure you install the scanning software for your scanner before you begin.

1 To create a scan from within Photoshop, choose File > Import, then select the appropriate scanner from the sub-menu.

Typically, you can either scan using the scanner's default settings, or you can customize settings, including: scan mode (grayscale, color, line art, etc.), resolution, scale, contrast, brightness and gamma. Refer to your scanning software manual for details on the controls available.

Many of the scanning controls have equivalent functions in Photoshop. Scanning options vary from scanner to scanner, but you should be able to specify whether you are scanning a transparency or a photograph. The other essential decisions you need to make at this stage are image mode, resolution, and scale. You may also need to specify a crop area in the preview window.

2 Click the Scan button. Wait until the scanning process finishes and the image appears in an untitled Photoshop window. Save the image.

Hot tip

For WIA (Windows Image Acquisition) - compliant scanners, choose File > Import > WIA Support. In the WIA Support dialog box, click the Browse button to specify a location in which to save the scanned image, then click the Start button. Select your scanner in the Select Device dialog box. Click OK to begin the scan. Select scanner-specific options, as necessary. Refer to the manufacturer's manual for detailed information on the options available.