

# Derek Dodds

## Photo Retoucher

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### SUMMARY

Professional digital retoucher with 6+ years of Adobe Photoshop experience and a strong passion to enhance beauty, product, and lifestyle photography. Reliable and organized team-centered mentality focused on delivering exceptional work. And with a curated education and skill set, I desire to work in a hardworking, fast, and quality-driven environment that forges creativity, opportunity and personal growth.

### PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Stylize, photograph, and retouch product photography with a non-destructive workflow.
- Knowledge of Adobe Creative Suite: Photoshop, Lightroom, Bridge, Illustrator, and After Effects.
- Proficient with Mac OS, Windows and Wacom digital graphic tablets.
- Able to work independently with minimal supervision, while maintaining strong communication.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### **Backcountry, Salt Lake City UT** - *Photo Retoucher*

AUGUST 2023 - PRESENT

- Work under the Art Director to support the Creative Marketing team with retouching product and lifestyle imagery for company website, email and print.
- Color correct, mask, clean, and photo manipulate imagery based on provided retouching notes.
- Utilize AI tools to supplement traditional Photoshop tools to achieve a quality, time-efficient retouch.
- Composite in-studio photos on environmental plates to simulate imagery taken outdoors.
- Review work and offer retouching guidance to our team of retouchers based in Costa Rica.

#### **TK Images, Houston TX** - *Logistics Coordinator*

JANUARY 2021 - AUGUST 2023

- Assist Editing Manager in revising real estate photography based on client feedback, which entails: masking, cloning, item removal, color correcting, HDRing, cropping and resizing.
- Retouch agent headshots using cloning, frequency separation, and dodge and burn techniques.
- Work collectively with team members to identify and problem solve client concerns.
- Oversee with strong attention to detail the production/delivery of videos, matterports and virtual staging.
- Apply video revisions, including: swapping out music, removing clips, and fixing client branding.
- Aid daily in sending up to 1,600+ deliverable files to customers, and load photos and videos to MLS.
- Adjust photos using Adobe Bridge Camera Raw and assign photos to editors.
- Prepare, name and file images according to company photo file management standards.

#### **Scaffidi Motors, Stevens Point WI** - *Photographer*

AUGUST 2015 - AUGUST 2018

- Prepped and photographed 8+ vehicles per shift and uploaded images to the business website.
- Coordinated with the marketing team to design web and print-based graphics.
- Oversaw and created monthly content for the Customer Service marquee.

### EDUCATION

#### **University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point**

SEPTEMBER 2009 - DECEMBER 2015

Bachelor's degrees in Art and English.

#### **Animation Mentor**

JANUARY 2012 - DECEMBER 2016

Certificate in 3D Character Animation

#### **Mid-State Technical College**

JANUARY 2016 - AUGUST 2021

Associate's degrees in Marketing and Health and Wellness Promotions.