# Correcting Lighting Problems

For Your Reference…

To ***activate*** the ***Fill Flash Filter***:

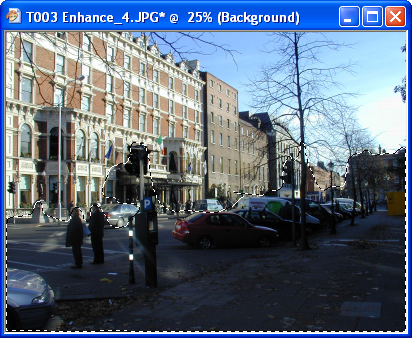
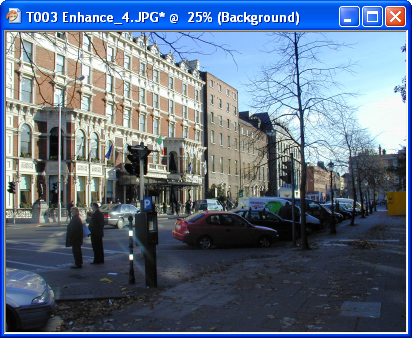
1. Select **Adjust** > **Photo Fix** > **Fill Flash**
2. Adjust the ***Strength***
3. Click on **[OK]**

Handy to Know…

* Another common problem occurs when you photograph a person in a bright window. To overcome this, use the ***Fill Flash Filter*** to brighten their face (and the background) and then use the ***Backlighting Filter*** (**Adjust** > **Photo Fix** > **Backlighting**) to reduce the brightness of the window.

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| **Try This Yourself:** | |
| Open File | Before starting this exercise you MUST open the file T003 Enhance\_4.JPG.  Notice that a good deal of this photo is in shadow. Let's lighten up the foreground… |
|  | Use the ***Freehand Selection Tool*** 063 to carefully select the shadowy foreground |
|  | Select **Adjust** > **Photo Fix** > **Fill Flash** to display the ***Fill Flash Filter***dialog box |
|  | Click on the ***Reset to Default*** tool 066 then maximise the dialog box and pan to the cars in the shadow area until you can see the white van  *Notice that the default value has lightened the shadow area, but let's increase it a little bit more…* |
|  | Click on 014 until ***45*** is displayed in ***Strength*** – now that looks a bit better |
|  | Click on **[OK]** – you can see more detail in the foreground now but its lighting still looks natural |
|  | Select **Selections** > **Select None** to deselect the foreground |

One of the most common problems that you will experience with your digital photos is with their lighting. There will be many occasions when you will take photos in bright light and the resulting photo will show very little detail in the shadow areas. This is because your camera is attempting to not overexpose the lighter areas. You can help to reduce these problems with the ***Fill Flash*** filter.



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*Tip: If the entire photo was too dark, you would simply display the Fill Flash Filter dialog box without first making a selection. This would then lighten the entire image.*

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