

Jim Nix - Master Your Photo Edits with Just 3 Tools - Checklist

☒ **STEP 1: DEVELOP RAW**

Light & Tone Foundation

- ☐ Increase **Exposure** slightly
 - ☐ Decrease **Highlights**
 - ☐ Lift **Shadows**
 - ☐ Add **Contrast** (after highlights/shadows)
 - ☐ Adjust **Whites** and **Blacks** for balance
 - ☐ Set **Temperature** slightly cooler
 - ☐ Shift **Tint** slightly right (towards Magenta)
 - ☐ Skip **Saturation**, gently increase **Vibrance**
 - ☐ Add **Sharpening** (~15–20)
 - ☐ ☒ **Before/After Check**
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☒ **STEP 2: SUPER CONTRAST**

Refine Light Dynamics

- ☐ Set **Contrast Amount** (Highlights/Midtones/Shadows to ~25–30)
 - ☐ Adjust **Balance Sliders**:
 - ☐ Highlights → brighten sky
 - ☐ Midtones → slightly left
 - ☐ Shadows → slightly right
 - ☐ Fine-tune contrast vs balance
 - ☐ ☒ **Before/After Check**
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☒ **STEP 3: COLOR HARMONY**

Powerful Color Control

Brilliance & Warmth

- ☐ Add **Brilliance** and **Warmth** (subtle)
- ☐ Use **warm–cool tension** for impact

Split Color Warmth

- ☐ Push **Warm Colors** → right
- ☐ Pull **Cool Colors** → left

Color Balance

- ☐ Highlights:
 - ☐ Cyan–Red → more Red
 - ☐ Magenta–Green → more Magenta

- ☐ Midtones: small Red boost
 - ☐ Shadows: more Blue (deepen look)
 - ☐ ✓ **Before/After Check**
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OPTIONAL: REFINEMENTS

- ☐ Return to **Develop Raw** or **Super Contrast**
 - ☐ Re-adjust **Highlights** or **Shadows** in sky or details
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FINAL TOUCH: AXON AI (Optional)

- ☐ Apply **Axon AI** (~20–25)
- ☐ Adds clarity and final punch
- ☐ ✓ **Before/After Check**

 Print this and keep it by your editing station for consistent, pro-level edits in Luminar Neo.