

# Color Grading in Luminar Neo

Transform Your Images with AI-Powered Color Techniques



# Introduction to Luminar Neo



## AI-Powered Photo Editor

Revolutionary software with **advanced AI technology** that simplifies complex editing tasks



## Color Grading Capabilities

Professional tools including **Color Harmony**, **Mood (LUTs)**, and **Toning** for precise color control

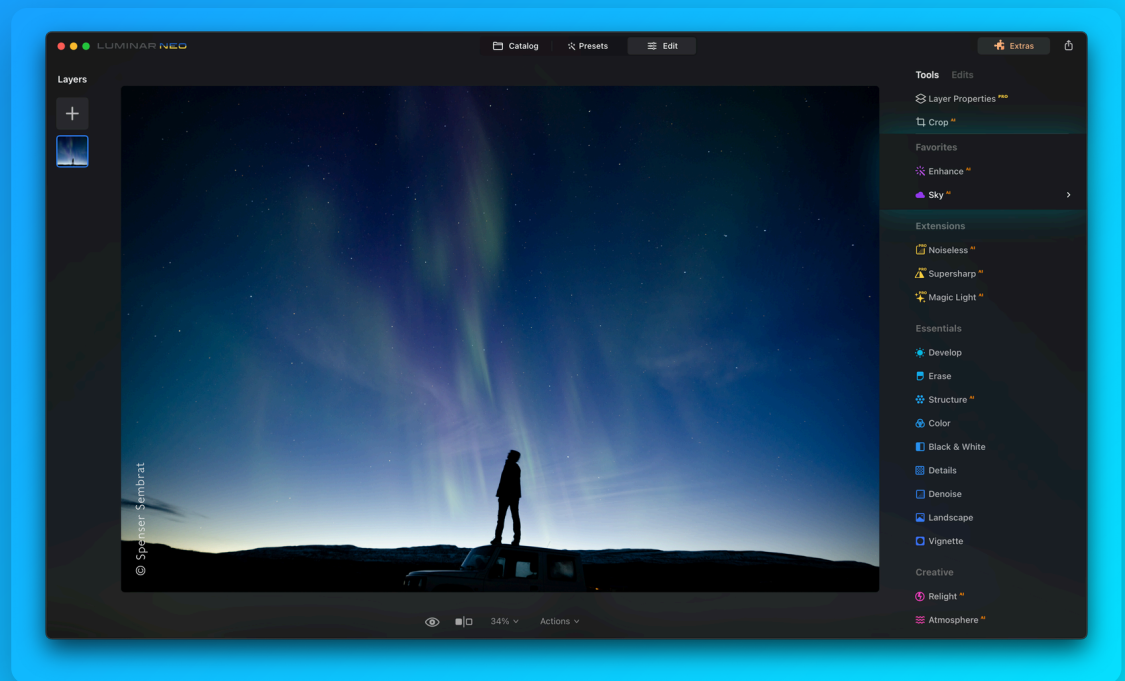


## Intuitive Interface

User-friendly design that balances **simplicity for beginners** with **depth for professionals**

## 🔄 vs Traditional Software

Streamlined workflow • AI-powered tools • Faster processing • Creative freedom



# Color Harmony Tool

## Brilliance

Creates **rich colors** in your photo

## Warmth

Controls **color temperature** for stylization

## Color Contrast

Select a **color range** to apply contrast

## Split Color Warmth

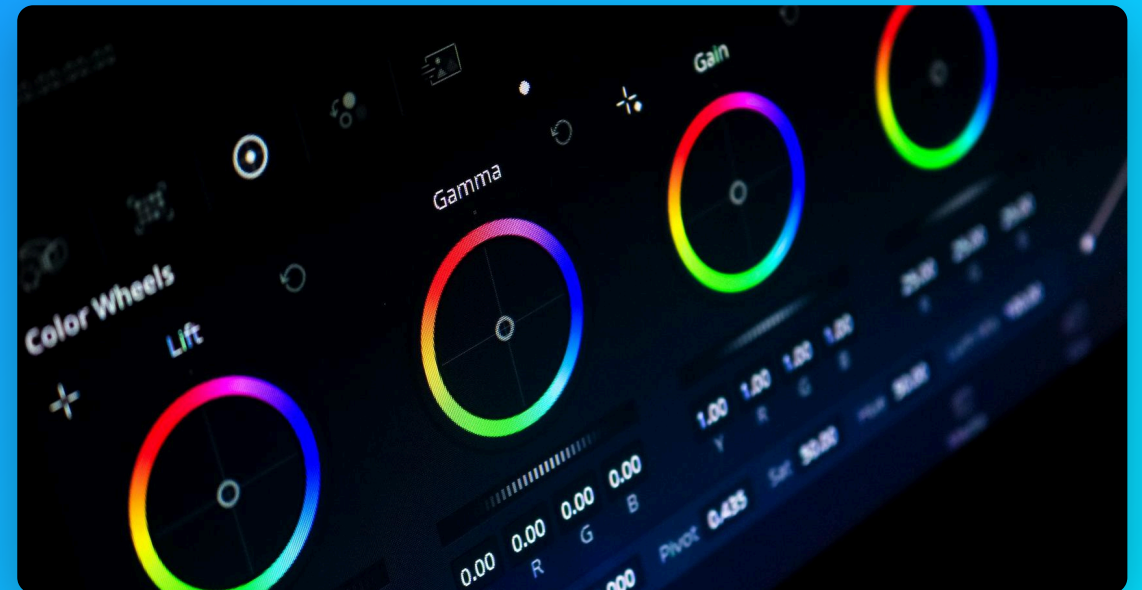
Adjust **warm & cool tones** separately

## Color Balance

Change overall **color mix** for general correction or creative control within different tonal regions (shadows, midtones, highlights)

## Pro Tip

Use Range Selectors to target specific tonal areas for precise color adjustments





# Mood Tool (LUTs)

## 🔧 What are LUTs?

**Lookup Tables** are predefined color values that transform colors from one space to another, enabling quick **color grading** and cinematic looks



### Amount

Controls **intensity** of the LUT effect



### Contrast

Adjusts overall **contrast** to refine LUT appearance



### Saturation

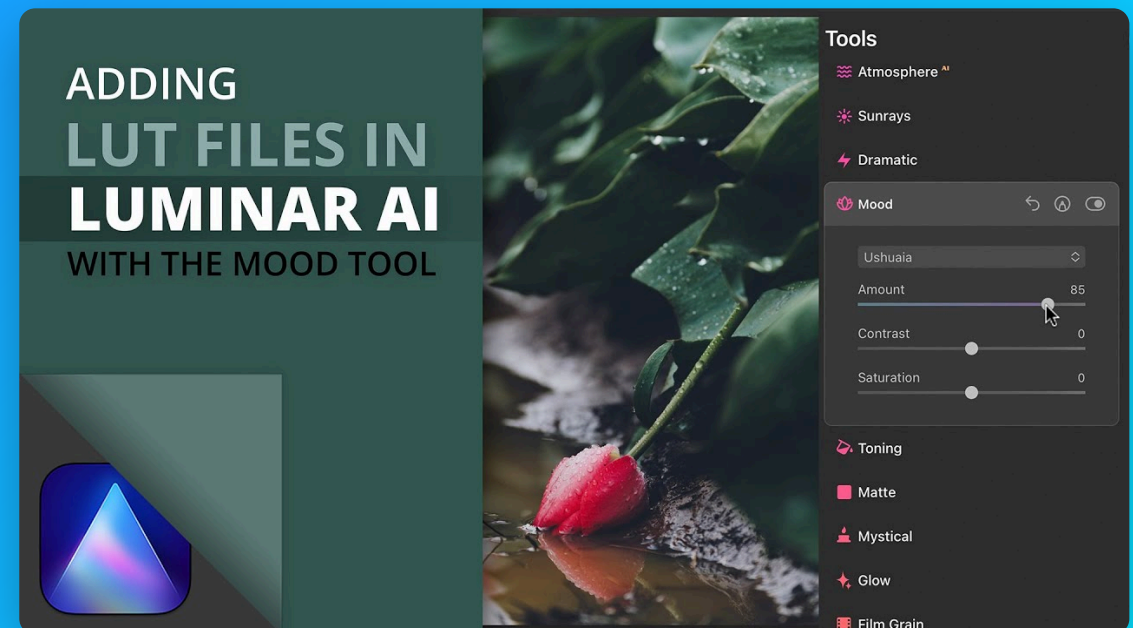
Controls color **vibrancy** of the applied LUT

## 🔧 Available LUT Types

Film stocks • Black & white effects • Cinematic looks  
• Color grading styles • Custom LUTs

## 💡 Pro Tip

Start with a lower Amount value and gradually increase to avoid over-processing your image



# Toning Tool (Split Toning)

## What is Split Toning?

A classic color grading technique that applies **different color tints** to highlights and shadows, creating a **two-toned treatment** for dramatic effect

### Amount

Sets the **overall strength** of color toning applied to the image

### Highlights

Controls **saturation** and **hue** of the bright areas

### Shadows

Adjusts **saturation** and **hue** of the darker areas

### Balance

Shifts the **emphasis** between highlights and shadows adjustments

## Quick Workflow

1

Set Amount to 100%

2

Adjust Highlights color

3

Adjust Shadows color

4

Fine-tune with Balance



# Additional Color Grading Tools



## Curves Tool



Adjust brightness



Control contrast



Color channel control



Selective tonal adjustments



Non-destructive editing



## Color Balance Tool



Tonal range targeting



Cyan-Red balance



Magenta-Green balance



Yellow-Blue balance



Creative color effects

### Pro Tip

Combine **Curves** and **Color Balance** for precise control over both tonal values and color relationships



Curves and Color Balance tools in Luminar Neo



# Step-by-Step Workflow

## 1 Prepare the Image

1

Import image · **RAW format** preferred · Apply lens corrections · Set white balance

## 2 Basic Adjustments

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**Develop** tool · **Enhance AI** · **Color** tool · Fix exposure and contrast

## 3 Apply Color Grading

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Color Harmony · Mood (LUTs) · Toning · Curves · Color Balance

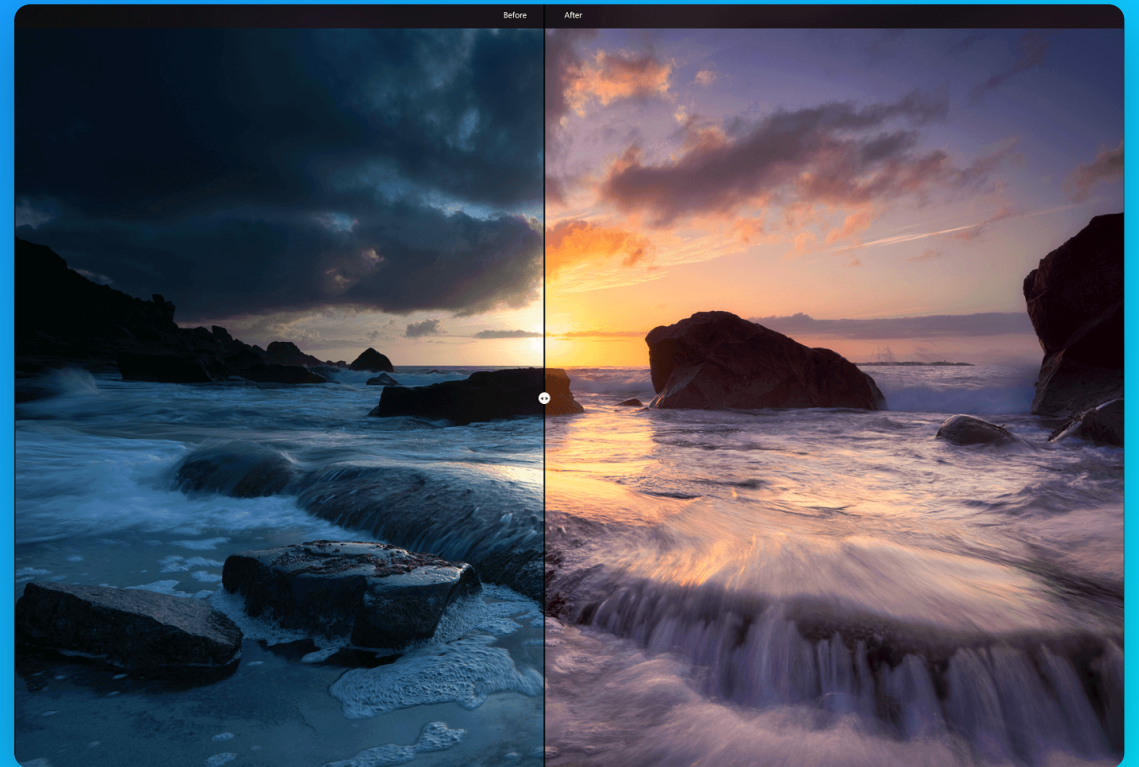
## 4 Fine-Tune & Final Adjustments

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**Masks** for selective editing · **Opacity** adjustments · **Crop** · **Export**

### 💡 Pro Tip

Work **non-destructively** with layers and masks to maintain flexibility throughout your editing process





# Tips for Professional Results



## Combine Multiple Tools

Use **Color Harmony** for overall balance • **Mood (LUTs)** for style • **Toning** for creative effects • **Curves** for precise control



## Maintain Consistency

Create **custom presets** • Save your favorite settings • Apply consistent looks across image series • Use **batch processing** for efficiency



## Leverage AI Features

**Enhance AI** for quick improvements • **Relight AI** for lighting control • **AI masks** for selective editing • **Sky AI** for atmosphere

## 🔍 Luminar Neo vs Photoshop

### ★ Luminar Neo

AI-powered • User-friendly • Faster workflow • Creative presets • Intuitive interface

### ★ Photoshop

Precise control • Advanced selections • Layer masks • Greater flexibility • Steeper learning curve

