

Content-Aware Fill

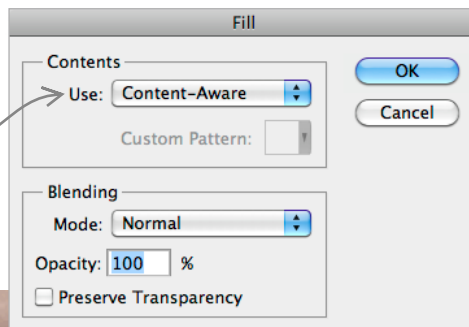
Versions of Photoshop starting with CS5 provide a number of tools that make content-aware selection and filling easier. Content-aware fill is like an automated version of the Patch Tool. It works very well for tasks like removing power wires or road signs that appear against a blue sky.

By all means, experiment with the content-aware features if they are available in your version of

Photoshop. If you are like me, however, you'll probably find that with a repair job of any complexity, you know what to do better than the computer. This means going back to the good old-fashioned Clone, Brush, and Patch Tools.

In some cases, content-aware fill can save a great deal of time. But be careful not to rely on too much automation in situations that require visual sensitivity. In our experience, Content-Aware Fill doesn't work very well with complex patterned backgrounds.

In Photoshop, first use a selection tool to select the area you want to replace. Then choose Edit > Fill and select Content-Aware from the Use drop-down list in the Fill dialog box. Click OK and Photoshop does the rest.



Content-Aware Fill works quickly to remove power lines



