



Pivotwell™ Photo Rotation Check: Cheat Sheet

Version 1.0.11 · Lightroom Classic plug-in and standalone app · Full details: the User Guide (section numbers in brackets)

What it does

Finds the photos that look **sideways or upside down** (faces, then the scene, then sky and horizon) and says which way to turn each one. Made for digital photos: phone and camera pictures, downloads, family photos. It only suggests: the originals are never changed.

Install once [3]

1. **Close Lightroom Classic.** The installer asks: the **Lightroom plug-in**, the **standalone app** (does not require Lightroom Classic), or both.
2. **Windows:** run **PictureOrgRotationCheck-Setup .exe** (if Windows warns: **More info > Run anyway**), Next, I Agree, Finish.
3. **Mac:** unzip the Mac zip, double-click **Install Pivotwell**, click **Open** once, choose what to install, **Install**. Intel Mac: say yes to the one-time setup.
4. Start Lightroom: **Library > Plug-in Extras > Check rotation** (no Plug-in Manager step).

Updating: a new version is announced when you run it (**Plug-in Manager > Updates: Check now**); **Install now** installs it inside Lightroom, then restart Lightroom (or run the new installer over the old one). License is kept.

In Lightroom Classic [4]

1. Library: select the photos (a folder, a collection, a whole import).
2. **Library > Plug-in Extras > Check rotation.** No dialog; the progress bar's x stops and keeps the photos done so far.
3. Read the summary: checked, how many look sideways, not checked.
4. Filter: **Text > Keywords > contains > Check rotation**, or the **purple** label.
5. Why each was flagged: the **Pivotwell note** in the Metadata panel (**Pivotwell** view).
6. Flag only the sure ones: Plug-in Manager > **Only flag when at least N% sure** (off as it comes). The less sure get the **yellow** label, no keyword [4].
7. Profiles: make them in the app (**Profile, Save as...**); pick one in Plug-in Manager > **When to flag a photo** [4, 5].
8. Unsure ones first: **Library Filter > Metadata**, column **How sure (Pivotwell)**, pick **Low**.
9. Turn each one: **Ctrl+J** right, **Ctrl+L** left (**Cmd** on a Mac). Or select them and use **Plug-in Extras > Turn the flagged photos** (turns what the keywords say, one at a time).
10. Run **Check rotation** again on them: photos now the right way up lose the keyword and the purple label.

Undo: **Ctrl+Z** (**Cmd+Z**) takes back the whole run. Check rotation never turns, crops or edits a photo; Turn the flagged photos turns only the ones you chose (Undo once per photo).

Keywords and label [4]

Under "Rotation Check"	Do this
Check rotation - turn right	Rotate right (clockwise)
Check rotation - turn left	Rotate left (anticlockwise)
Check rotation - upside down	Turn twice

Flagged photos also get the **purple** label. The keywords are never exported. A purple label you set yourself is never removed.

Standalone app [5]

1. Start **Pivotwell** (Windows Start menu; Mac Applications > ThePictureOrg). It opens in your browser; nothing leaves the computer.
2. Left side: **Change** to pick a folder or photos, then **Check rotation**.
3. Each photo is shown **the way it will be saved**. **To turn** shows the flagged ones; **Not sure** and **Least sure first** bring up the doubtful ones (each card says how sure, out of 100). Buttons under a card: **None**, **Left**, **Right**, **Upside down**. Click a card for a big view: **R L U Ø** turn, **← →** next, **Space** save or skip, **Esc** back.
4. **Save as** (bottom): **new turned pictures** in a **Turned** folder (a JPEG stays a JPEG, copied exactly with only its rotation setting changed) or an **XMP sidecar** (for camera raw files: the turn itself, so Camera Raw, Bridge and Lightroom show it turned; or purple label + keyword). Then **Save**. Originals never change.

Good to know [6]

- It is a guess tuned to avoid false flags: close-ups with no faces, sky or recognisable scene can be missed.
- It checks each photo **as it is shown** (the file's or Lightroom's rotation, and your crop).
- Reads JPEG, HEIC (iPhone), TIFF, PNG, DNG and camera raw files, Lightroom panoramas too.
- Something looks wrong? **Create an error log** (Plug-in Extras, or the app's gear) and email the file from your Desktop; tick the box to add small pictures [7].
- Not working at all? **Check my setup** (Plug-in Manager, or the app's gear) says what is missing [7].

Trial and license key [3]

21 days free, then 7 days with a reminder, then a key is needed. **Plug-in Manager > License** (app: **License**): days left, **Buy a license**, paste your key, **Enter key** (checked offline). One person, **2 computers**, complimentary updates within the major version. New computer: **Remove license from this computer** on the old one first. One license and one trial cover the plug-in and the app.