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- 3. Once the APS plug-in filters are properly installed, add the following lines to the ULEAD32.INI file, found in the Windows folder:

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where "C:\KPT" is the folder where Kai's Power Tools is installed. (If you are using another APS compliant plug-in filter, use the folder name for that filter.) If you have multiple APS plug-in filter folders, increment the number of the headings as follows:

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Opening FlashPix images

You can open files using the FlashPix format the same way that you open any other images in PhotoImpact. When you select a FlashPix file or the format from the "Files of type" list in the Open dialog box, the Options button becomes active. If you wish to explicitly state the conditions for opening the selected file(s), click Options to see the FlashPix Open Options dialog box:

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Setting PhotoImpact defaults for opening FlashPix images

- 1. From the File menu, choose Open.
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- 3. Click Options. (Do not select any file names.)
- 4. In the resulting dialog box select the desired size from the Multiple files and default dimensions list.
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Now any time you open a FlashPix image, the largest dimensions will be used. If you wish to open a particular image using smaller dimensions, in the Open dialog box, select the image to open and then click Options. In the FlashPix Options dialog box select the desired size for the image from the Dimensions drop down list.

Saving images using the FlashPix format

When saving images using the FlashPix Format, the Save dialog box enables the Options button for opening the FPX Save Options dialog box:

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