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PHOTOSHOP KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS
FOR MAC & PC

For File Handling

Command	Windows	Mac
Open a file from a folder	Ctrl + O	Command + O
Save a file with a new name (Save As)	Shift + Ctrl + S	Shift + Command + S
Save a file with new updates (Save)	Ctrl + S	Command + S
Close a file	Ctrl + W	Command + W
Close a file and open Bridge	Shift + Ctrl + W	Shift + Command + W
Make a new blank file / File New	Ctrl + N	Command + N

For File Navigation

Command	Windows	Mac
Fit image on screen	Ctrl + 0	Command + 0
Zoom in	Ctrl +	Command +
Zoom out	Ctrl -	Command -
View / Hide extras	Ctrl + H	Command + H
Drag image with Hand Tool	Spacebar drag	Spacebar drag
Fit image in window	Double click Hand Tool	Double click Hand Tool
Rotate file	Press and hold R and use stylus*	Press and hold R and use stylus*
Reset rotation	Press and hold R and choose reset from Main Menu Bar*	Press and hold R and choose reset from Main Menu Bar*
Toggle screen modes forward	F	F
Toggle screen modes reverse	Shift + F	Shift + F

For Image Adjustments

Command	Windows	Mac
Image / Adjust / Levels	Ctrl + L	Command + L
Image / Adjust / Curves	Ctrl + M	Command + M
Image / Adjust / Hue Saturation	Ctrl + U	Command + U
Image / Adjust / Color balance	Ctrl + B	Command + B
Image / Invert (also with layers and masks)	Ctrl + I	Command + I
Accept image adjustment	Enter	Return
Cancel window without change	Escape	Escape

Working With Layers

Command	Windows	Mac
New Layer with window options	Shift + Ctrl + N	Shift + Command + N
Group layers	Ctrl + G	Command + G
Ungroup layers	Shift + Ctrl + G	Shift + Command + G
Merge selected layer down	Ctrl + E	Command + E
Create / Remove Clipping Mask	Alt + Ctrl + G	Option + Command + G
Add Layer Mask - Reveal All	Click on Layer Mask button at the bottom of the Layers window. It looks like a square with a circle in the middle of it.	Click on Layer Mask button at the bottom of the Layers window. It looks like a square with a circle in the middle of it.
Add Layer Mask - Hide All	Alt + click on the Layer Mask button at the bottom of the Layers Window.	Option + click on the Layer Mask button at the bottom of the Layers Window.
Invert Layer Mask	Ctrl + I	Command + I
New Layer via Copy from a selection	Ctrl + J	Command + J
New Layer via Cut from a selection	Shift + Ctrl + J	Shift + Command + J
Nudge what is on a layer by pixels	Move Tool - use arrows on keyboard	Move Tool - use arrows on keyboard
Transform what is on a layer	Ctrl + T	Command + T
Distort Transformation Box	Hold Ctrl and stretch	Hold Command and stretch
Rotate Transformation Box	Drag up and down outside the box	Drag up and down outside the box
Adjust size while constraining proportion	Hold Shift and use corner points	Hold Shift and use corner points
Change rotation axis point	Move center point to the area you want to rotate around	Move center point to the area you want to rotate around
Accept Transformation	Enter	Return
Cancel Transformation	Escape	Escape

Working With Selections

Command	Windows	Mac
Select All	Ctrl + A	Command + A
Deselect	Ctrl + D	Command + D
Reselect	Shift + Ctrl + D	Shift + Command + D
Select / Inverse	Shift + Ctrl + I	Shift + Command + I
Select All Layers	Shift + Ctrl + A	Shift + Command + A
Constrain Marquee to a square	Hold down Shift and drag	Hold down Shift and drag
Constrain Elliptical to a circle	Hold down Shift and drag	Hold down Shift and drag
Draw Selection from the center	Hold down Alt and drag	Hold down Option and drag
Constrain and draw from center	Hold down Shift and Alt and drag	Hold down Shift and Option and drag
Add to a selection	Hold down Shift and add what you want	Hold down Shift and add what you want
Remove part of a selection	Hold down Alt and draw the part you wish to remove	Hold down Option and draw the part you wish to remove
Nudge selection by pixels	Arrow Keys - up, down, right, left	Arrow Keys - up, down, right, left
Select Multiple Layers Contiguously	Hold down Shift + select the top and bottom ones	Hold down Shift + select the top and bottom ones
Select Multiple Layers non Contiguously	Hold Ctrl + click on each one	Hold Command + click on each one
Use Lasso tool over large area	Hold down Alt while drawing	Hold down Option while drawing

Working With Brushes

Command	Windows	Mac
Constrain Brush Tool to a straight line	Hold down Shift and click points	Hold down Shift and click points
Increase Brush Size	Bracket key - right one	Bracket key - right one
Decrease Brush Size	Bracket key - left one	Bracket key - left one
Choose Brush Opacity by %	Number keys (1=10%, 2=20% etc)	Number keys (1=10%, 2=20% etc)
Undo the last thing done	Ctrl + Z	Command + Z

Vertical Toolbar

Command	Windows/Mac
Move Tool Box	V
Marquee Tool Box	M
Lasso Tool Box	L
Quick Selection Tool Box	W
Crop and Slice Tool Box	C
Eyedropper Sampler Ruler Tool Box	I
Healing Brush Tool Box	J
Brush Tool Box	B
Clone Stamp Tool Box	S
History Brush Tool Box	Y
Eraser Tool Box	E
Gradient Fill Tool Box	G
Dodge Burn Tool Box	O
Pen Tool Box	P
Text Tool Box	T
Path Selection Tool Box	A
Shapes Tool Box	U
Hand Tool	H
Rotate Tool	R
Default Color Box to black and white	D
Exchange foreground and background colors	X

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