

# FIX PHOTOS FAST



with  
ACTIONS



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## Fix Photos Fast! Actions Cheat Sheet

Use this “Cheat Sheet” to quickly reference what each action does. This list follows the same order as the Fix Photos Fast action set.

### Misc Actions

**Merged Layer:** Creates a composite layer of all visible layers. Use before running a new action IF you have lowered the opacity of the most recent action layer OR added a layer mask that wasn't in the original action.

**Flatten Layers:** When you're completely done with photo editing, run this action to quickly flatten your image before saving.

### Lighting Actions

**Lighter:** Less Contrast Lightens dark shadows in photos taken in full sunlight or where there is a lot of contrast between light and dark areas of the photo. (If this doesn't work well, try Lighter: Levels or Lighter: Shadows/Highlights.)

**Lighter:** Levels Uses Levels to adjust the tonal values of a photo. Great for lightening your photo and adding contrast.

**Lighter:** Shadows/Highlights (3 strengths) Lightens dark areas of your photo. (If this doesn't work well, try Lighter: Less Contrast or Lighter: Levels.)

**Lighter:** SCREEN Adds a boost of light to your entire photo.

**Darker:** MULTIPLY If your photo is too light, use this to darken and bring out more information in your photo.

**Darker:** Less Contrast Use with photos that are too light in some areas that also have dark areas in the photo.

**Contrast:** Use to increase the contrast in a photo. It makes light areas a little lighter, dark areas a little darker, and slightly boosts color and sharpness.

**Lighter:** High Key Makes the light areas of your photo lighter and lets you adjust the effect. (Popular photo technique.)

### Color Actions

**Color Cast:** Try this action first on photos with color cast. Also try it after you've reduced a prominent color cast like yellow or red.

**Color:** Reduce Yellow Reduces yellow in photos with too much yellow.

**Color:** Reduce Red Reduces red in photos with too much red.

**Color:** Reduce Green Reduces green in photos with too much green and adds a bit of magenta for better skin coloring.

**Color:** Warmer Makes a photo with cooler tones look warmer.

**Color:** Cooler Makes a photo with warmer tones look cooler.

**Color:** Boost Makes colors pop a bit more.

**Color:** Desaturate Tones down color slightly.

**Color:** Whiter Teeth Allows you to brighten teeth with one brush stroke.

**Color:** Red Eye Brush away red eye if your Red Eye tool doesn't completely remove red eye, or darken pupils if the Red Eye tool leaves the pupil too light.

### **Sharp & Smooth Actions**

**Brush Away Blemishes:** Brush over skin blemishes to quickly remove them, or use it to reduce wrinkles.

**Reduce Noise** (3 strengths): Reduces digital noise in photos.

**Post Noise Sharpen:** Sharpens only the edges of your photo after you've removed digital noise.

**Reduce Noise:** NOISEWARE Use with a 3rd party plugin called Noiseware for excellent noise removal.

**Sharpen:** Unsharp Mask (3 strengths): Sharpen photos of people (protects skin) and photos with large areas of flat color, such as sky.

**Smart Sharpen** (2 strengths): Sharpen photos of landscapes, buildings, and objects. Good for sharpening detail.

**Sharpen SOME:** High Pass Brush on sharpening only where you want it.

**Sharpen ALL:** High Pass Sharpens the entire photo and adds texture because it enhances detail.