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Actions: Fix Photos Fast! Copy a Layer Mask in Photoshop Elements

Here's how to copy a layer mask from one layer to the other in Photoshop Elements:

Method 1: Merge Down

- Press Alt (Mac: Opt) and click and drag a copy of the layer with the mask just below the layer that needs the same mask.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to put a selection around the copied layer.
- Press Delete to remove the contents of the layer.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on the layer that needs a mask and choose Merge Down.
- When the dialog box comes up, click Preserve.

You now have an exact duplicate mask on the new layer.

Method 2: Copy and Paste

- In the Layers panel, click on the layer that needs a copy of the mask and click on the Add Layer Mask icon
- Alt click (Mac: Opt click) on the layer mask thumbnail you want to copy, which will show you the mask view.
- Choose Select > All or use the shortcut, Ctrl/Cmd A.
- Press Ctrl C (Mac: Cmd C) to copy the mask.
- Click on the mask icon of the layer that needs the mask.
- Press Ctrl V (Mac: Cmd V) to paste the mask contents.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac: Cmd D) to deselect.
- Alt or Opt click on the mask thumbnail to go back to the regular view.

The mask will now be copied to the correct layer.