

Commonly Used Photoshop Short-Cuts

Photoshop has many tools and functions which can be called up by using a Shortcut. Some of the more commonly used ones are listed below.



Shortcut	Function	Hold Mouse Down on Icon
V	Move Tool, used to move selections, layers and masks	
M	Marquee Tool, used to make rectangular selections	Other shaped marquees
L	Lasso Tool, used to make irregular shaped selections	Magnetic & Poly Lasso tools
W	Quick Selection Tool, used to select subjects quickly	Magic Wand
C	Crop Tool, used to crop an image to a new size / shape	Perspective & Slice tools
K	Frame Tool, used to position images within a document	
I	Eyedropper Tool, used to pick a colour from an image	Ruler (Straighten)
J	Clone Tool, used to remove small items from an image	Content Aware tools
B	Brush Tool, used to paint on an image or mask	
S	Stamp Tool, used to replace parts of an image	Other Stamp tools
Y	History Brush	
E	Eraser, used to remove part of a layer	Other Erasers
G	Paint Bucket, used to fill a layer with a selected colour	Gradient tools
	Sharpen Tool, used to sharpen parts of an image	Blur and Smudge tools
O	Burn Tool, used to burn (darken) parts of an image	Dodge & Sponge tools
P	Pen Tool, used to draw paths for selections or text	Other Pen tools
T	Type Tool, used to add text to an image	Vertical & Mask Type tools
A	Path Selection Tool	
U	Shapes Tool, used to add geometric shapes to image	Other Shapes
H	Hand Tool, used to move around an image whilst zoomed	
Z	Zoom Tool, used to enlarge / reduce image on screen	

	Shortcut	Function
File Ops	Ctrl O	Open File
	Ctrl N	New File
	Ctrl W	Close File
	Ctrl S	Save File
	Shift Ctrl S	Save As
Brush	[Decrease Brush Size
]	Increase Brush Size
Select	Ctrl A	Select All
	Ctrl D	Deselect All
View	Ctrl 0	Fit on Screen
	Ctrl 1	100% View
C&P	Ctrl C	Copy
	Ctrl V	Paste
Layer	Ctrl J	Duplicate Layer
	Ctrl E	Merge Layers
Misc	Ctrl R	Show Ruler
	Ctrl P	Print
	Ctrl Z	Undo last change
	Ctrl L	Levels
	Ctrl T	Free Transform

Note: Mac users should use Cmd instead of Ctrl