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## Information about Pencil Pixels Software v. 2/1/2020

If you encounter a problem, and is causing an error please do the following:

Please contact Pencil Pixels and let us know which of our software products, what operating system you are running, and what version of Photoshop you are using.

If an error occurs, do a full screenshot of the alert message and also the Photoshop History and Layers panel open at the time of the error. This will help us research the cause and get the issue resolved quicker.

Customer support and quality of our products are very important to us, we are here to help and will get you up and running.  
[www.PencilPixels.com/contact](http://www.PencilPixels.com/contact)

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Each of the image effects generated usually include layers to adjust contrast, density, texture, color, as well as several layers that make up the effect. The effects are made to work on average lightness and contrast images. By first adjusting the images values, lighter, darker, more or less contrast, will augment the effect in different ways.

You can adjust the opacity of the layers to increase or decrease the effect of the resulting image. Layers are usually developed to allow you to alter the Color, Texture, Density, Line Tone, etc. Adjusting any of the the layers, for opacity, visibility or blend mode, changes the appearance of the effect and allow you to customize the result.

### Why scripts?

Pencil Pixels creates scripts that produce effects for Photoshop and Adobe Elements. Scripts allows Pencil Pixels to do more complex effects and access more of the program's features than an action usually can.

**Pencil Pixels Scripts are safe to use.** Scripts simply playback a set of menu items which are mostly filters, layer opacities and layer blend commands. They do not access anything that Photoshop doesn't have control over. In fact, although creatively sequenced to produce outstanding effects, they are the most simplest of commands and are completely compatible and functioning in very old versions of Photoshop from CS 3 version in 2007 on up through Creative Cloud.

With some application specific code changes, these scripts will function in Adobe Elements as well. Scripts also, only use core properties and are language independent. (Layer names and alerts are in English though.)

### PencilPixels One-Click Scripts, Actions and Styles Use and Download Agreement Terms:

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**On our website**, we offer Matchprints, Evaluation Scripts, Samples, test image submission forms and Trial Scripts so you can try the effects on the images you typically use. Unfortunately, there isn't a way to completely take back the software product once it is purchased and downloaded. And because of this, we have to adhere to a no refund policy on purchases. We will, after a purchase however, provide full support for the product and replace any non-working or defective script for the systems and versions of Photoshop software which we support.

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## Use

Our effects produced work best on a wide variety of images from portraits to landscapes in which the subject is prominent and the background is not visually distracting. Perfect for Stock Images and presentation assets.

As with images you have the rights to use, you may freely use your resulting image effects in professional, personal or commercial projects, either in print, presentations or on the internet.

*We highly recommend looking at the quality and variety of the images on:*

*Pexels.com, Pxhere.com, UpSplash.com and Pixabay.com - **Absolutely Free** to use images of excellent quality.*

### Using the Script effects with print projects

The Pencil Pixels Actions and scripts are best suited for Screen size art, online Ads & Banners, Social media posts and Web page art.

They can be used in a limited way for print projects or larger images. Please see details on our website.

<http://pencilpixels.com/printing>

### How to use Pencil Pixels Photoshop Scripts

When downloaded, Unzip the file into a folder you can easily access.

You select the script in Photoshop through the menu **File >> Scripts >> Browse...** and select the script from the folder you've saved them in.

On newer versions of Photoshop or Elements, you can simply drag the script file onto the Photoshop Application icon while your image is open. *See additional information in the Using Scripts Tutorial.*

Also, if placed in the scripts folder of the Photoshop application, you will be able to access our scripts through the app's internal script menu. *See our information file about using Photoshop scripts*

#### Version compatibility notes

- Compatible with Mac OS X and Windows
- Compatible with the standard installed filters and layer commands of Photoshop CS5.5, through to Creative Cloud.
- No additional plugins are required.
- Versions of this product may be available for Photoshop, Photoshop Elements or both - Please order the product, if available for your software.
- In Photoshop, it has been tested to work with versions CS5.5 to CC 2020
- In Photoshop Elements, it has been tested to work with versions 14 to version 2019
- Instructions and information files on loading and using scripts come with our scripts.
- Works exceptionally well with portraits, figure studies, and composite artwork
- Best for online sized us when the image is less than 2000x2000 pixels. Developed for best use with online Ads & Banners, Social media posts and Web page art
- Usually for our scripts, there are no additional files to load and will produce the complete effect with just one click.
- To see if these scripts work in previous versions, please download and run evaluation scripts from the PencilPixels.com site. There are a number of free scripts to test with.

#### General and specific Script hints for getting better results -

Like our actions, you can vary the effect by changing the opacity of the different effect layers. Like any plug-in or action from any company, images that are blurred, contain a lot of image noise, or are overly compressed or are very dark and extremely low in contrast, will yield poor results. Keep that in mind.

Changing the Contrast or Brightness/Darkness of the original image before using the script will alter the result and depending on the original's values, can improve the result greatly.

Changing the visibility or opacity of the resulting Layers will alter the effect. Freely experiment with opacity of layers to intensify or subdue any effect layers. Depending on the effect, various layers allow you to alter the Color, Texture, Density, Outline, Tone, etc. Adjusting any of the layers, for opacity, visibility or blend mode, changes the appearance of the effect and allow you to customize the result.

Different amounts of shading, tone and contrast in the final result can be obtained by changing the original's contrast or brightness/darkness before using the Script.

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#### Pencil Pixels Free Evaluation Scripts

An evaluation version of a script is free, but produces a watermark over the effect. The resulting layers are not flattened and there is no size restriction. It is used to evaluate if the effect works to your expectation on the images you typically use. Other than the watermark, it produces the layers and effects that the purchasable unrestricted script produces. Please try the effect on a number of similar files that you would be working with. You are encouraged to do this to make your purchase decision.

#### Pencil Pixels Free Trial Scripts

Trial Scripts have no watermark and no timeout period, but are cropped to a certain size, like 600x600 pixels as an example. If your image is smaller than 600 pixels, a gray border will be added to fill the area to 600x600. If the image is larger, it will crop the image to 600x600 pixels. The Photoshop layers are typically flattened in the trial version, however, the purchasable scripts will have, if developed with layers, all the layers which can be altered for Color, Texture, Density, Line Tone, etc.

#### Layered or Flattened Files

For some of our scripts, we offer both Layered or Flattened Files. If offered, the Flattened file produces the effect and then flattens all layers and is sold at a reduced cost. The Layered file version retains all the layers that make the effect, as well as adjustment layers that may be included for that script. Adjusting the effects' layers, with opacity, visibility or mode changes can alter the appearance of the effect and allow you to customize the result.

#### Matchprint Standardization

On the example page of each Script or Action Set on the Pencil Pixels site, we provide an original matchprint and a matchprint made with the specific effect for you to check against on your own system results. When a script produces multiple effects, a single representative matchprint may only be available online. If needed, please contact us for other corresponding match print images.

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Feedback is always welcome. Let us know if you encounter any problems in running our scripts.

If you have any questions about using our software, their compatibility, or terms of use, please contact us through our website; [www.PencilPixels.com/contact](http://www.PencilPixels.com/contact). Thanks.

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