

THE QUICK ENGRAVE EFFECT

Thanks a billion for purchasing the Quick Engrave Effect!

1. After unzipping the file, double click on ‘Engrave_Pattern.pat’. This loads the patterns the engraver will use.
2. In Photoshop, open the image you’d like to use. Make sure its in RGB and 8 bit color mode.
3. Bring up your Actions window (Window>Actions)
3. Open up the Actions menu by clicking in the top right corner of the window (see figure 1).
4. Click on ‘Load Actions...’
5. When prompted, choose the file ‘Quick_Engrave.atn’
7. Choose the action you’d like in the ‘Quick Engraver’ action folder, and hit play (see figure 2).
8. The engrave effect will apply in seconds.

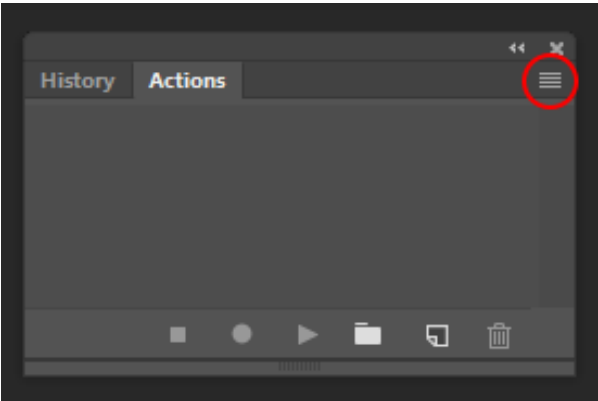


Figure 1

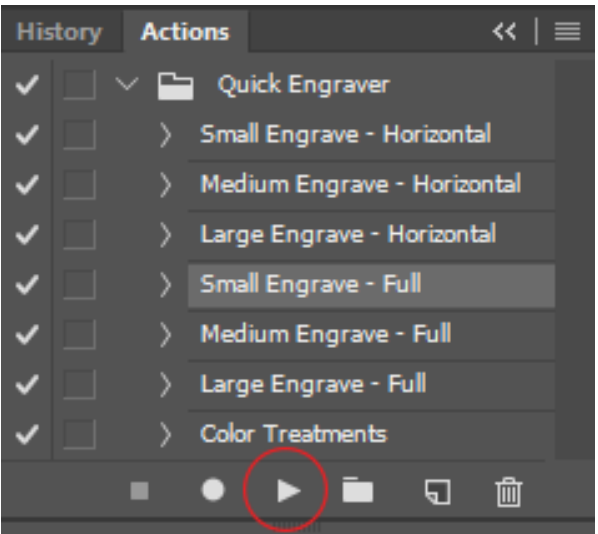


Figure 2

Adjusting the Effect

While we try and nail it every time with the effect generator, sometimes things need some tweaking. Perhaps the shadows are too dark, or the highlights are too light.

1. If you’ve run the ‘Horizontal’ version of the engraver, open up the ‘Curves 1’ layer and adjust the curves to your liking.
2. If you’ve run the ‘Full’ version of the engraver, you will see folders for Shadows, Highlights and Mids. Each respective folder has a ‘Curves’ layer. Open this layer and adjust to your liking.

Generating the Color Options

1. Click the top layer in your document
2. In your Actions folder, click on the ‘Color Treatments’ action and hit play.
3. You will now have several new layers in your document. Enable the layer of your choosing. When Trying out different colors, be sure to disable your previous choice, so that the effects do not stack on each other.

Quick Tips

- Try running the effect with your image at different sizes. This is a good way to fine tune the effect.
- Try and fine tune the levels of your image before running the effect. The better the balance of your image, the better the effect!

