Digital Lab / Photoshop Quick Reference Guide

Move Tool (V)
Moves selected layers or layer groups.

Crop Tool (C)
Crops and straightens images.

Spot Healing Brush Tool (J)
Removes unwanted textures and blends them into image.

Clone Stamp Tool (S)
Duplicates sample over newly selected area.

Eraser Tool (E)
Erases selected image area or adjustment layer.

Brush Tool (B)
Creates brush strokes when clicked.

Gradient Tool (G)
Creates a gradual blend between multiple effects or areas of an image.

Histogram
Displays the image's tonal range.
Shadow tones are represented at the far left, midtones in the center and highlights are displayed at the far right.

Navigator
Moving slider zooms in and out. Red box allows for navigation throughout image.

History Panel
Jumps to recent image state.

Adjustments Panel
Set of sixteen icons that create separate adjustment layers.

Layers Panel
Area that manages layer settings.
Use the filter to show different layer types.

Layer Clipping Mask Thumbnail
Shows masked areas in layers. Use clipping masks to mask or hide area of an image.

Note: Layers at the top of the panel will be visible over layers underneath.

Use the eye icon to toggle layer visibility.
Curves Adjustment Layer
Adjusts image’s tonal range using points along a line. The more severe the curves, the greater the contrast in the image.

Modifies image area when clicked in image.

Sets black, gray and white points when clicked in image.

From left to right, icons apply the following changes:
• applies adjustment only to layer directly below
• reverts layer to most recent state and resets layer to original state.

Hue/Saturation Adjustment Layer
Selectively increases or decreases saturation of all colors or a selected range of colors (reds, yellows, greens, cyans, blues and magentas).

Popular Photoshop Keyboard Shortcuts

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