

Metal Text

Welcome to the *Metal Text tutorial* . This tutorial was designed to teach you how to create stunning metallic effects for you web page by practicing it on text. If you need help with it, or find it confusing, don't hesitate to e-mail me, the information is at the bottom of the page.



Download the brushed metal texture to the left. We'll be using this in the tutorial. If you would like to use your own, go ahead. Also feel free to find anything else that can act as a background for the metal text, look for industrial surfaces, etc.

- 1 Select a dark gray from the Color Picker and type the word or your choice in the center of your document. The RGB values for the gray to the left are 70, 70, 70. **Right-click** on the " **T** " and choose **Render Layer** . **Ctrl + Click** on the layer to activate it's transparency mask. In the channels palette, click on the " **Save Selection as Channel** " button.



- 2 Select the " **Alpha 1** " channel. Deselect the type layers selection by pressing **Ctrl + D** . Choose **Filter>Blur>Guassian Blur** from the main menu. Input and amount of **1** pixels and Press **OK** . Select the type layer again.

- 3 Choose **Filter>Render>Lighting Effects** from the main menu. Experiment with your own settings, **OR** click [here](#) to view mine.

- 4 Choose **Image>Adjust>Curves** from the main menu. Click [here](#) to view my curves settings, or experiment with your own.



- 5** Apply an Unsharp Mask (**Filter>Sharpen>Unsharp Mask**) with the following [settings](#) .

- 6** Repeat steps 4 and 5. Adjust the Curves settings a bit this time. This give it a shinier look overall.



- 7** Drag the brushed metal texture into your document and place it's layer below the text. Use the following layer effects [settings](#) . (**Right-click** on the type layer and choose **Effects**) Your final result should look something like this. (left) Keep in mind it will look different every time. Congrats, you're done!



Discussion

If you have any questions, or there are any steps that I can further elaborate on, don't hesitate to e-mail me using the information below. Due to the amount of e-mail I get, you'll get a quicker response if you use the discussion forum. Post your question in the tutorials forum. Click [here](#) to go to the discussion forum.

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