

USING THE UN-SHARP MASK

The Un-sharp Mask filter increases the contrast where two shades of gray touch in the image, so their edges become more prominent and easier to see.

1. Start by double clicking the zoom tool, to view your image at 100%.
2. Choose: Filter ➤ Sharpen ➤ Un-sharp Mask

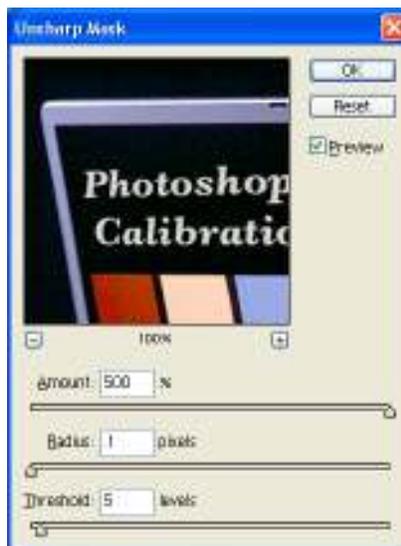
Here's how I balance the three settings:

Start by setting the amount to 500 percent.

Set the Radius to .1

Set the Threshold to 5

Highlight the .1 radius setting (click and drag across the .1 to highlight it)



Tap the “up” arrow key on the keyboard to .2 and look and see if any sharpening takes place. If no sharpening is visible, tap the “Up” arrow key to .3 and look for the first visible sign of sharpening. The moment you see the image get sharper, you’re done. I often use a radius setting of .3 or .4 on my digital camera files (6 million pixel camera). If the sharpening kicks in too harsh, lower the Amount to 400% and try again (.1 .2 .3).