

Portrait Masking Features in ACR V17.0

Portrait Masking in ACR automatically separates parts of the subject's face and body, allowing individual adjustments for specific features:

1. Face Skin
 - o **How It Works:** ACR detects and isolates the facial skin, enabling adjustments such as smoothing, exposure, and color corrections. This is especially useful for refining skin tone and reducing blemishes without affecting the background or other facial elements.
2. Body Skin
 - o **How It Works:** Detects any visible skin on the body (like arms or shoulders) for adjustments, keeping skin tones consistent throughout the portrait.
3. Eyes (Iris and Sclera)
 - o **How It Works:** This feature isolates both the iris and the sclera, allowing independent adjustments. You can brighten the irises for a more vibrant look or reduce any redness in the sclera to enhance the overall eye appearance.
4. Teeth
 - o **How It Works:** A mask dedicated to the teeth, allowing you to adjust brightness and whiteness. This is ideal for creating a natural, radiant smile without affecting the surrounding areas.
5. Hair
 - o **How It Works:** A mask for the subject's hair that enables adjustments to brightness, color, texture, and contrast. Enhancing hair details can make the portrait look more polished and bring more focus to the subject.

How to Use Portrait Masking in ACR V17.0

1. **Open the Masking Tool:** In ACR, click on the **Masking** icon in the right panel (the circle icon with a line through it).
2. **Choose Portrait Masking:** Select **Select Subject** or **People** (depending on the update terminology) to activate the AI-based portrait masking options.
3. **Select Specific Features:** ACR will detect and separate various facial and body features, like skin, eyes, teeth, and hair. You can choose to mask individual features or multiple areas at once.
4. **Adjust the Masked Areas:** Each feature mask offers its own set of controls, including Exposure, Contrast, Highlights, Shadows, Texture, Clarity, and more. Adjust these settings to achieve a balanced, natural look.

Key Benefits of Portrait Masking in ACR V17.0

- **Precision:** The AI-driven feature ensures accurate detection of facial features, allowing for specific, isolated adjustments.
- **Ease of Use:** This tool reduces the need for manual masking, making portrait editing faster and more accessible.
- **Natural Enhancements:** Fine-tuning each feature independently ensures adjustments blend well with the rest of the portrait, resulting in a more natural look.